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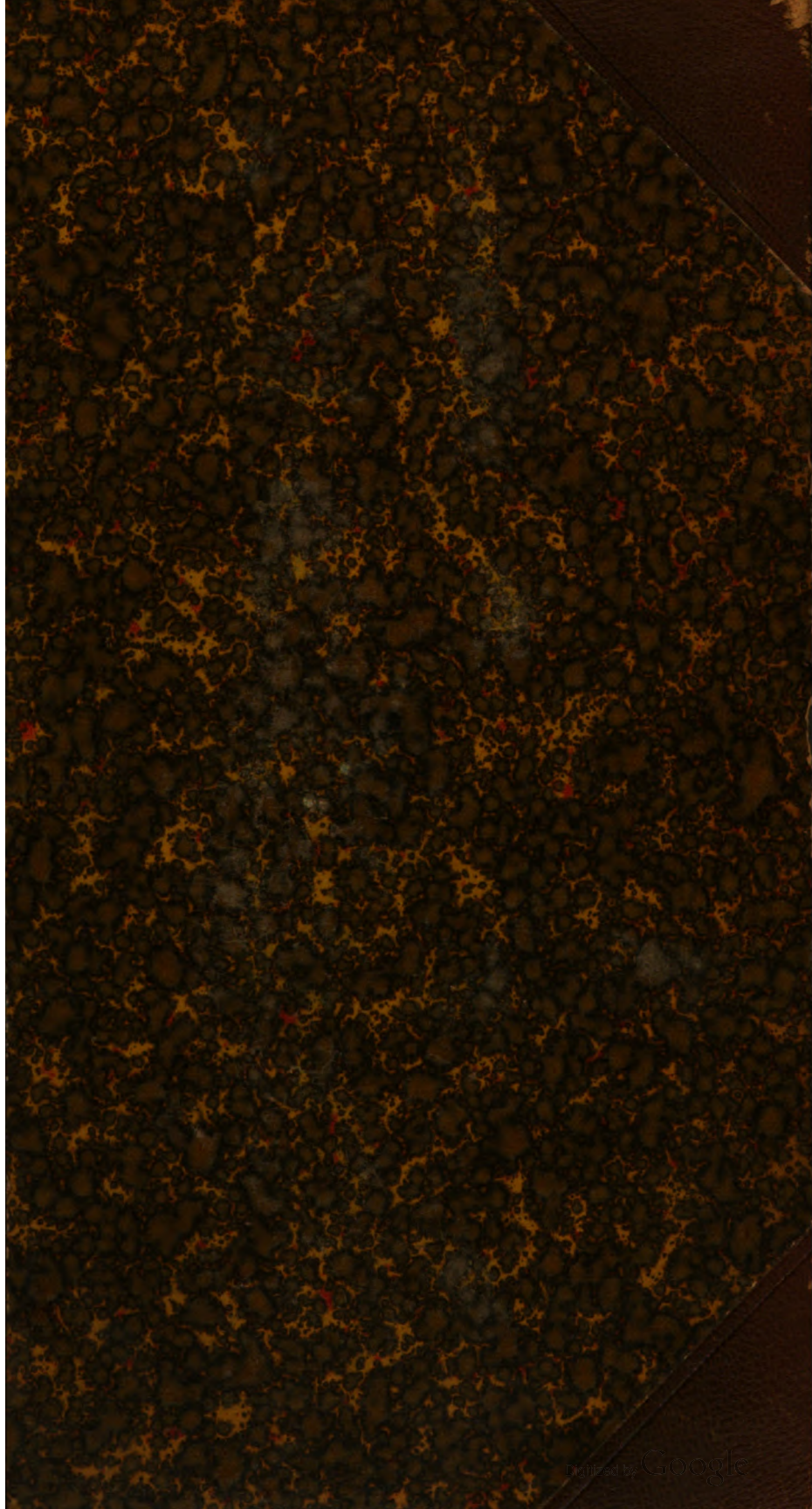
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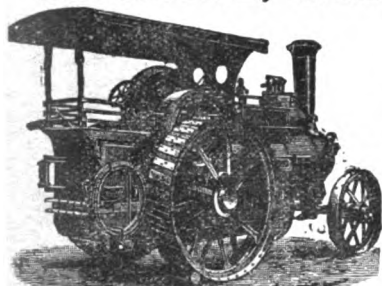
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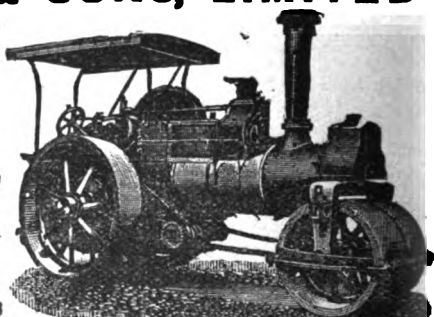
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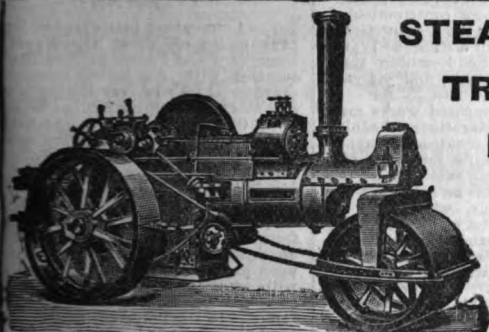
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JOHN MATTHEWS,

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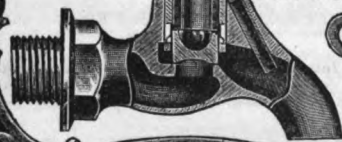
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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. — registered telegraphic address, "Advantage, London," Code—5th Edition A.B.C., telephone number 12807 Central. A statement of the objects and work of the Branch will be found on p. 46.

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## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

#### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS: INDIA OFFICE.

The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of switches and crossings. The conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director-General of Stores,

**Switches and  
Crossings.**

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#### **BRITISH INDIA—continued.**

India Office, Whitehall, S.W., and tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 p.m. on the 8th October.

Copies of the schedule, specifications, and conditions may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway are prepared to receive up to noon on the 8th

**Railway Stores.** October, tenders for the supply of the following stores, viz.:—1. Rails and fishplates; 2. Fishbolts, nuts, and washers; 3. Spikes; 4. Bearing plates; 5. Metals; 6. Pillars, posts, &c., for fencing; 7. Galvanised eye-bolts and strand wire, for fencing; 8. Files; 9. Copper plates and rods. Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained at the Company's Offices, Gloucester House, 2, 3, and 4, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., on payment of 21s. each (which will not be returned). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of—(1) Steel gantry

**Steel Material.** and trestles, for traversing crane; (2) Steel palisade fencing; (3) Mild steel bars; as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C. Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary marked "Tender for Gantry, &c.," or as the case may be, not later than noon on the 9th October. The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. For each specification a fee of 11. 1s. is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

#### **CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

##### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London firm of manufacturers and shippers of corks and corkwood of all classes are seeking to get into touch with likely buyers in Canada.

A London firm interested in sisal fibre wish to be placed in touch with Canadian firms engaged in the manufacture of binder twine and rope.

A Scottish firm doing business in paraffin wax, sal-ammoniac,

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**CANADA—continued.**

general oils and chemicals, tar, pitch, fire bricks and clay, are desirous of establishing business relations with Canadian importers in these lines.

A London firm dealing in all classes of iron and steel material are prepared to consider applications from agents in Canada, where they desire to be represented.

A resident of Glasgow, claiming to have a large connexion in Scotland among the wholesale and retail grocery and provision trade, is desirous of taking up agencies for Canadian exporters for the sale of butter, eggs, apples, canned fruits and meats, &c.

A Sheffield firm manufacturing cutlery and electro-plated goods desire to be brought into touch with Canadian importers of these goods.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A Montreal house in the commission business having a connexion with wholesale dealers in the making-up trade wish to be brought into touch with English manufacturers of textiles (small wares, trimmings, &c., preferred) who are not already represented in Canada.

A firm of trunk and bag manufacturers in Nova Scotia desire to be placed in communication with large export firms in Great Britain making club bags, Gladstones, and all kinds of leather goods. They are also desirous of importing bag locks, trunk locks and suit case locks, as well as various kinds of leather for use in the manufacture of bags and cases.

An Ontario Fruit Growers' Association are prepared to receive tenders for their 1907 crop of apples of various kinds, which will run to about 3,500 barrels. The apples will grade about 75 per cent. number one, and the balance number two.

An enquiry has been received from Edmonton for the names of reliable firms in Hull, Newcastle, Leith, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Manchester and Belfast who have had experience in handling consignments of Canadian apples.

A correspondent in Montreal asks to be placed in touch with English manufacturers wishing to be represented in Canada on a commission basis.

Enquiry is made by a correspondent at Hamilton, Ontario, for names of reliable persons in a position to deal with large consignments of Canadian poultry.

A firm of seedsmen, nurserymen, florists, &c., in Manitoba, are desirous of making purchases of twine of English or Scotch manufacture, and desire to be referred to leading houses in the trade.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

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### **CANADA—continued.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

#### **PORTUGUESE ENQUIRY.**

A British firm of port wine shippers in Oporto would like to get into correspondence with Canadian firms prepared to act as their resident agents.

#### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A company manufacturing axes, hammers, spades, crowbars and other tools are prepared to offer its Canadian agency to a resident firm possessing a first-class connexion.

A company manufacturing various kinds of tiles and bricks wish to get into correspondence with Canadian firms who could introduce their goods.

A firm manufacturing various kinds of springs, clips, wirework and hardware novelties seek suitable Canadian resident agents.

#### **CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A firm of manufacturers' agents and importers in Toronto seek a few additional agencies in dry goods and kindred articles.

A firm in Sydney, Nova Scotia, ask to be placed in communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of pickles wishing to have their goods introduced. They would also like to receive price lists from a few wholesale grocery firms.

A firm of brokers in Montreal possessing an established connexion are prepared to represent United Kingdom shippers of crude rubber, chemicals, oils, turpentine and similar goods used by manufacturers.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

The Board of Trade have received from their Correspondent at Melbourne (Mr. Max Hirsch) copies of the specification and conditions issued in connexion with a call for tenders for the supply and delivery at Melbourne of 50 telephones (wall sets). Tenders are to be delivered to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, by 3 p.m. on the 10th December.

The specification and conditions may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Tenders forms, &c., may be obtained at the Australian Commonwealth Offices in London, 72, Victoria Street, S.W., where also preliminary deposits on tenders may be paid.

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**EGYPT.**

The Acting British Consul at Cairo (Mr. P. Sciortino) has forwarded copies of the conditions of contract and estimates for the construction of a post office at Port Tewfik. Tenders marked "Tenders for the Construction of a Post Office at Port Tewfik" will be received at the office of the Ministry of Public Works, Cairo, up to 11 a.m. on 19th October. A deposit equal to one-tenth of the amount of the tender will be required to qualify the same.

The conditions and estimates may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**RUSSIA.**

**Agricultural  
Machinery.**

See notice on p. 28.

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**NORWAY.**

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Norwegian State Railways have issued a call for tenders for the supply of various iron pipes. Tenders are to be marked "Anbud paa Leverance af Ror og Rordeli," and are to be delivered at Maskiningeniorens Kontor, Hamar, by 2.30 p.m. on the 12th October.

Copies of the specification and conditions (forwarded by H.M. Consul) may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

NOTE.—Apart from the usual Customs duties a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers. In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenderers not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

The British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) has received an application from a trader in that town interested in the sardine-packing industry, who desires to be placed in touch with a reliable firm of British tin-plate manufacturers.

Communications from British firms relative to the above should be sent to the British Vice-Consul at Bergen.

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### DENMARK.

H.M. Consul at Copenhagen (Mr. L. C. Liddell) has forwarded copies of the conditions and specification relating to a call for tenders for the supply of 600 lamp-posts. Tenders should be in writing and marked "Tilbud paa Levering af Lygtepaae," and should reach Direktoren for Belysningsvaesnet, Raadhuset, Copenhagen, before mid-day on the 12th October.

The conditions, specification, and drawings may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### GERMANY.

H.M. Consul-General at Berlin (Dr. P. Schwabach) has forwarded a form of tender with specification and copies of the ordinary and special conditions of contract, relating to tenders for the supply to the Prussian State Railway Works at Berlin, Eberswalde, Osterode (East Prussia), Cottbus, Magdeburg-Buckau, Dirschau, Tempelhof near Berlin, Königsberg, Halle-on-Saale, and Bromberg, of the following articles:—

109,700 kilos. of tin, 66,100 kilos. of zinc plate, in 7 lots each; 14,400 kilos. of antimony, 16,300 kilos. of zinc, 110,000 kilos. of lead in blocks (Muldenblei), and 77,800 kilos. of rolled lead, in 6 lots each.

Sealed tenders, bearing the inscription "Angebot auf . . ." (here follows designation of article tendered for), must be delivered to "Das Rechnungsbureau der Königlichen Eisenbahndirektion," 1-4, Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35, by 10 a.m. on the 10th October, 1907. Tenders must state whether or not the goods have been made in Germany, and at the works of the firm tendering.

Copies of the conditions of contract, specification, and forms of tender may be obtained for 55 pfennige (6½d.)—not in stamps—from "Rechnungsbureau, Königliche Eisenbahndirektion," 1-4, Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35. Copies may be seen at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Consul at Stettin (Mr. R. Bernal) reports that tenders are invited for the supply of about 7,500 tons of best gas-coal to the gasworks at Stolp, for delivery free rail Stolp during the fiscal year 1908-9. Tenders bearing the inscription "Angebot für die Kohlenlieferung der Gasanstalt," addressed to "Der Magistrat, Stolp, Pommern," will be received up to the 14th October. They

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#### **GERMANY—continued.**

will be opened at 11 a.m. on the 15th October at the Rathaus, Zimmer No. 33. Conditions of contract may be seen at the "Stadtsekretariat, Zimmer No. 21" and may be purchased there on payment of 60 pfgs. (7d.).

H.M. Consul states that no further information is obtainable at Stettin.

**Harbour Works.** See notice on p. 26.

#### **HOLLAND.**

H.M. Consul at Rotterdam (Mr. H. Turing) reports that the Director of Naval Establishments at Hellevoetsluis invites tenders, up to the 9th October, for the supply and delivery of about 1,200 tons

##### **Coal**

Cardiff coal.

The coal must not contain more than 25 per cent. of small coal, and must be from one of the following mines: Nixon's Navigation Co., Ltd.; Penhrwyber (Penrikyber) Navigation large coals; Harri's Deep Navigation; Ocean Merthyr Steam Coals; Hood's Merthyr Steam Coals; Oriental Merthyr Steam Coals; Insole's Merthyr Steam Coals; National Merthyr Coals; Great Western (Navigation) Smokeless Steam Coals; Albion Merthyr; Cory's Merthyr (Pentre, Gelli, Penrikyber); Cyfarthfa; Dowlais Merthyr; Ferndale; Hill's Plymouth Merthyr; Lewis Merthyr; Locket's Merthyr; Naval Merthyr; Powel Duffryn; Dowlais Cardiff; Rhymney Merthyr; MacLaren Merthyr.

A copy of the form of contract in the original Dutch may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" states that Messrs. A. Wagenmaker & Co. have applied for a provisional concession for the construction of a steam tramway from Oude Schild to Den Burg. The same newspaper also states that the question of the establishment of an electric tramway between Middelburg and Flushing is under consideration.

The "Vaderland" states that negotiations are in progress for substituting electric traction on the "Goosche Stoomtram" tramways. These comprise a system of some 39 kilometres in the south of Amsterdam.

#### **BELGIUM.**

The "Bulletin Commercial" of the 21st September contains a notice that tenders are invited for the enlargement of the Charleroi-Brussels Canal, between the existing locks Nos. 23 and 31. The estimated

##### **Canal Works.**

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#### **BELGIUM—continued.**

cost of the work is 2,414,214 francs (about 96,568*l.*). Specifications and plans can be consulted at the office of the "Chef de Service des Ponts et Chaussées," rue Capouillet 54, Saint-Gilles; and at the office of M. Derycke, Chaussée de Waterloo 345, Saint-Gilles. A deposit of 120,000 frs. (about 4,800*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in to the Chef de Service des Ponts et Chaussées not later than the 29th October.

The "Moniteur Belge" of 28th September contains a copy of a decree granting to the Société Nationale des

**Railway Plant.** Chemins de fer Vicinaux the concession for the construction and working of the line from (1) Namur Station to La Pairelle with a branch line from Jambes Bridge to the station of the Chemin de fer du Nord at Jambes; (2) Namur (Faubourg Saint Nicolas) to Saint Servais (place communale).

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of the 29th September contains a notice to the effect that the Maison

**Water Works.** Communale at Jemeppe-sur-Meuse (Liège) invites tenders for works connected with a water conduit, in two lots, viz.:—(1) Water conduit at the estimated cost of 234,778 francs (about 9,391*l.*) for which a deposit of 20,000 francs (800*l.*) is required; (2) a supply reservoir, for which a deposit of 3,000 francs is required. Tenders must be sent in to the Maison Communale before the 22nd of October.

#### **PORTUGAL.**

The "Diarios do Governo" of the 18th, 19th and 20th September contain copies of Decrees granting the con-

**Mining Plant.** cessions for the exploitation of the iron mines of Aires, S. Bartolomeu and Zambujal, Villa Nova de Baronia, "Conselho" de Alvita, to Mr. John Hollway.

The "Diarios" of 21st, 23rd and 24th September contain copies of decrees conceding also the iron and manganese mine of Cerro das Pedras, in the "Conselho" of Odemeira, the manganese mine of the "Lagoas do Paço," "Conselho" Ferreira do Alemtejo, and the manganese mine of Herdade da Cachia in the "Conselho" of Castro Verde, to Mr. John Hollway.

#### **PORTUGAL—ANGOLA.**

H.M. Consul at Loanda (Mr. H. G. Mackie), in his report on the trade of Angola for 1906, writes:—"In my

**Railway Plant.** last report attention was called to the fact that no serious attempt had seemingly been made by British manufacturers of railway plant to obtain contracts for

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supplies, and it was pointed out that while the Loanda-Malange and Mossamedes-Chella lines were being built mostly with Belgian material, supplies for the construction of the Lobito-Katanga Railway were of British origin. According to a Portuguese trade journal, it would appear that out of some 10,560 tons of plant recently ordered for this railway, no less than 9,000 tons are now being supplied by German works, only 1,060 tons falling to the share of the United Kingdom and 500 tons to that of Belgium. These orders would seem to include two more engines of increased hauling power for the 1.4 mile of rack railway on the Apt system, by means of which the higher plateau about 7 miles from Benguella is reached, the engine already supplied proving unequal to the ascent; four locomotives and tenders of 84 tons, four water tanks, a quantity of rolling-stock and rails and plant for 161 miles of telegraph.

"As the railway is a British enterprise, British firms interested would do well to give the matter their early attention. Personal application to the heads of the departments in Portugal should also be made." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,928.*)

### SPAIN.

Referring to the notice on p. 594 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th September, relating to proposed harbour works at Cadiz, H.M. Consul at that port (Mr. A. Keyser) has now forwarded a copy of the conditions of contract, which may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 19th September contains a notice inviting tenders, which should reach the "Dirección general de Obras Publicas," Madrid, before 9th December, for the construction of a bridge over the river Manzanares in place of the old "Puente Verde," joining the road from Madrid to Corunna to the road which encircles the "Casa de Campo." A deposit of 5,000 pesetas (about 176*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary.

The "Gaceta" of 21st September contains a notice inviting tenders for the construction of artesian wells at Melilla, Alhucernas, and El Peñon de Velez de la Gomera (Africa), beginning with the first-named, in the province of Málaga, the estimated cost of which is 31,970 pesetas (about 1,140*l.*). A deposit of 319 pesetas (about 11*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary. Tenders must be sent to the "Dirección general de Obras Públicas," Madrid, not later than 17th October.

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#### **SPAIN—continued.**

The same "Gaceta" contains a notice to the effect that the "Ayuntamiento constitucional de Toro" invites tenders, which will be opened simultaneously at the "Casa consistorial" of Toro, and at the "Dirección general de Administración," Madrid, for the electric lighting of the town of Toro for a period of ten years. A deposit of 700 pesetas (about 25*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary. Tenders must be sent in to either of the above addresses before the 29th October.

**Electric Lighting  
of Toro de  
Lamora.**

The same "Gaceta" announces that an adjudication will take place in the "Palacio Municipal," Pontevedra, and in the "Dirección general de Administración local," at Madrid, for the electric lighting of the former town for a period of 20 years at the upset price of 20,000 pesetas (about 714*l.*) annually. A deposit of 1,000 pesetas (about 36*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary. Tenders must be sent to the Secretaría del Ayuntamiento de Pontevedra not later than 28th October.

**Electric Lighting  
of  
Pontevedra.**

The "Gaceta" of 25th September contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for works connected with the construction of a viaduct over the Rio Asabón, necessitated by the deviation of the main road from Spain into France. The estimated cost is 346,895 pesetas (about 12,390*l.*). A deposit of 17,345 pesetas (619*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary. Tenders must be sent in before the 28th October to the "Dirección de Obras Públicas," Madrid.

**Viaduct  
Construction.**

The "Gacetas" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

**Band Saws, Hand-threshing**

**Machines, Ice Plant, Steel**

See article on p. 18-19.

**Cables, Iron Wire, Tin Plate.**

#### **SPAIN—CANARY ISLES.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of the 21st September contains a copy of a decree conceding the construction of a viaduct of ferro-concrete over the "Barranco Hondo," on the road from Santa Cruz to Orotava in the province of Tenerife, to Don Luis Gomendio y Saleses.

**Viaduct  
Construction.**

### *Openings for British Trade.*

#### ITALY.

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) reports that a public competition will be held simultaneously at the Royal Arsenals (Contract Offices) of Spezia, Naples, and Taranto, at 11 a.m. on the 23rd October, when sealed tenders will be received for a contract for the supply to the Italian Navy of American ash (in pieces prepared for oars) for the estimated value of 84,600 lire (about 3,384*l.*). A deposit of 8,460 lire (about 339*l.*) will be required to qualify any tender.

The special conditions of contract may be seen at the Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the Royal Arsenals; at the Technical Offices of the Navy at Genoa; and at the principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

Each tender should be made out on Government stamped paper of 1 lira. Local representation is necessary.

The expenses of registration, printing and stamp duty are payable by the successful tenderer.

The following information regarding openings for British manufactures in Florence is taken from the report by H.M. Consul in that city (Major W. P. Chapman), recently published by the Foreign Office (*Annual Series*, 3,926):—

“British locomobiles and threshing machines enjoy a wide reputation, and are found unequalled as to workmanship and duration, being also of better appearance than those from Germany. However, a local importer informs me that they will in time have to cede their place on the Italian market to Germany, unless British makers take more seriously into account the special requirements of the market, chiefly that of reducing the consumption of fuel for their engines, as much as possible. . . . British manufacturers should take into consideration that coal is much dearer in Italy than in the United Kingdom, and in building their machinery should stick to those systems that give a minimum of consumption. Germany is striving hard to that effect, with a considerable amount of success.

An experienced firm of Florentine merchants state that although the United States have taken a hold on the Florence market with their type-writing machines, in the face of little or no competition, yet as local consumption is increasing very fast, and typewriting is gaining favour with the public, and is expected to come into general use, British firms might do some business with small machines of a price, say, of 10*l.*

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#### ITALY—continued.

"A local firm of high standing stated as follows:—'From personal experience, and after having made some enquiries, we think that much more business could be done with the United Kingdom in tiles, stoves, pottery, sanitary appliances, japanned ware, &c., provided British firms make the same concessions as Americans and Germans in the matter of credit, especially in dealing with well-known firms, and in that of avoiding extras in invoices.'

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 23rd September contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for works connected with the conveyance of drinking water from the Pirato spring to the town of San Mauro Castelverde, in the province of Palermo, at the estimated cost of 102,000 lire (about 4,080*l.*). A deposit of 5,500 lire (about 220*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent to Il Signor Sindaco, San Mauro Castelverde, not later than the 20th October.

The "Gazzetta," containing further particulars, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The "Lieferungswesen" of 22nd September announces that the Magistrat Wien, Abteilung X. (Vienna), will hold a competition and adjudicate a contract on 11th October for the supply of (a) four invalid carriages for infectious cases, without the wheels, and (b) the wheels and india-rubber tyres required, from 1st November, 1907, to 31st October, 1910.

#### OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

H.M. Consul at Constantinople (Mr. A. T. Waugh) reports that he has received an application from a member of a British firm in that city who is willing to represent any well-known firm or firms in tendering for the supply of locomotives and material required by the Hedjaz Railway Commission.

Communications from British firms should be addressed to H.M. Consul, Constantinople.

The "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" of the 19th September states that there is a good opening at Constantinople for the ordinary quality of candles. The sizes most in demand are fours and sixes. They are shipped in cases weighing 11 kilograms.

*Openings for British Trade.***OTTOMAN EMPIRE**—*continued.*

A correspondent of the "Revue Commerciale du Levant" gives the following information in regard to the soap trade of Ada Bazar:—No soap being manufactured in this town, all the soap required is imported. The major portion comes from Mételin for laundry purposes, the amount imported being about 100,000 kgs., of which there are several qualities sold at from 2.25 piastres to 4 piastres per kilog. Toilet soaps come from Constantinople, and are of inferior quality; they fetch from 9 to 33 piastres per gross.

Only a small quantity of soap comes from abroad, of which England sends by far the larger quantity, as soap from other countries is found too dear by the country people. It would appear that were some small effort made, such as the distribution of samples free or at a reduced price, foreign soap would easily replace the best quality Mételin, since the price is approximately the same.

Referring to agricultural machines in a recent report, the Austrian Consul at Jerusalem states that petrol motors with electric ignition are used for watering the Palestine orange gardens.

**BULGARIA.**

The Austrian Consul at Burgas in a recent report calls attention to the fact that the employment of agricultural machinery, and of threshing machines in particular, has increased considerably during late years in the east of South Bulgaria.

The Austrian Consul in Philippopolis reports that in central and west Bulgaria the plough and harrow trade is on the increase, as the peasants now realise the superiority of iron ploughs. It appears too that a good opening is afforded for threshing machines, especially those which reduce the length of the straw. For other machines, with the exception of sowing machines, there is no great demand.

**UNITED STATES—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

The "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels) says that there is reason to expect that tenders will shortly be invited in Manila for fresh supplies of cement for Government works. On the two former occasions on which tenders were invited for cement for such works, the order was obtained by a German firm, through their agents—a British firm established at Manila.

In view of the fact that notices inviting tenders are never issued early enough to allow participation on the part of European firms, the "Bulletin" states that it is of importance that manufacturers should endeavour in future to enter into relations with local firms accustomed to submit such tenders.

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**MEXICO.**

The Austrian Consul at Mexico City states in a recent report that the opening for agricultural machinery in Mexico should be good. There should be a brisk demand for hydraulic engines, threshing machines and fruit-mills (Obstmühlen).

**Agricultural  
Machinery.**

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**HAYTI.**

The Acting British Consul-General at Hayti (Mr. A. L. Rowley) reports that the Government of Hayti have ceded to the "Compagnie Nationale des Chemins de Fer d'Haiti" the railway already existing from Cap Hayti to Grande Rivière. This line is to be extended to Hinche, and thence to Port-au-Prince, with a branch to Arcahaie. It will be connected with the line which the same company are about to construct from Gonaives to Hinche.

**Railway  
Construction.**

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**CHINA.**

H.M. Consul at Chefoo (Mr. H. F. Brady) in his report for 1906 states that there is undoubtedly an increasing demand amongst the Chinese for foreign household stores, such as tinned and bottled goods, jams, biscuits, soaps and so on; also for foreign wines and liquors. At present dealers get their supplies for the most part from Shanghai, but the Consul is of opinion that the trade might be pushed with advantage if British firms were represented by local agents, who could distribute samples and take orders in the district.

**Household Stores,  
Provisions,  
Liquors.**

The Consul also reports that as the use of kerosene oil spreads amongst the Chinese, there naturally follows a demand for lamps of foreign make or style. There is a large import of lamps from Japan, many of them being made of common glass, and though they are exceedingly dangerous, their cheapness commends them to the Chinese purchaser, who is essentially a fatalist, and will rather save a few pence by buying a lamp that *may* not explode, than devote the extra money to a good lamp that *will* not explode. The price of these cheap lamps at Chefoo ranges from 50 c. (about 1s.) to 1 dol. 50 c. (3s.) for glass lamps, and 35 c. (8½d.) to 1 dol. 50 c. for tin lamps; and, in order to compete, the British manufacturer would need to place a good reliable lamp at the same low price on the Chefoo market, (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,929.*)

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**Oil Lamps.**

*Openings for British Trade.***JAPAN.**

H.M. Consul at Kobe (Mr. H. A. C. Bonar) reports that a growing industry has sprung up there in marine motors.

**Marine Motors.** The number of boats (sea-going) using marine motors of Japanese make is fast increasing, and there would seem to be an excellent opening if British manufacturers would give the matter their attention. For some time past a very large number of Osaka river boats have been using petrol motors of which the first samples came from the United States. These appear to have been copied, and in some cases, it is claimed, improved upon, so that now the majority of the motors used on the river craft are of Japanese manufacture. Though somewhat noisy and evil-smelling, they appear to answer the purpose perfectly, and therefore in that line—unless something cheaper or better of foreign manufacture could be put on the market—the Japanese motor manufacturing works will have it all their own way. But for sea-going craft, simple but reliable motors of 12, 15, 20 and 30 horse-power, using common kerosene oil—paraffin—(the latter is obtainable at every little seaport or village), should have an unlimited sale provided the price were reasonable enough. The prices of Japanese-made motors of that description are 90*l.* for 10 horse-power (weight about 2,000 lb.), 140*l.* for 15 horse-power (weight about 3,000 lb.), 220*l.* for 20 horse-power, and 270*l.* for 30 horse-power. Seeing that the prices of American-made kerosene oil motors (of the newest type, it is true) are 170*l.* (weight, 1,100 lb.), 230*l.* (weight, 1,700 lb.), and 350*l.* for 10, 15, and 22 horse-power respectively, and that a 10 horse-power good type of British make costs, laid down in Japan, about 250*l.* to 300*l.*, the problem for the foreign manufacturer of motors is not, at first sight, an easy one.

He should remember, however, that by manufacturing *on the spot* he will save 50 per cent. import duty on the motor as a whole or any part thereof which would otherwise be imported into Japan. Wages, labour and some other conditions probably are more favourable in that country, and, above all, his expert knowledge and inventiveness should enable the foreign manufacturer to do well in this line.

Motors of Japanese make, as described above, are being increasingly used by small passenger craft for short distances by sea (say 50 feet long, using a 20 horse-power motor, speed about seven to nine miles). They have also found much employment in small foreign-shape craft (*i.e.*, not junk form), carrying a certain amount of sail, being about 45 to 60 feet long, 12 feet beam, and using, say, a 15 to 20 horse-power motor, such as now ply between the city of Osaka and the Korean coast (some 200 to 300 miles distant), and also between Osaka and fishing ports on the Inland Sea, carrying live fish in tanks, which take up most of the space in the vessel. This is a remunerative trade. It would be impossible to state also

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the number of schooners of foreign build with which the Inland Sea is alive, for which a motor such as described, used as an auxiliary means of propulsion, would be most useful to enable them to navigate at all states of the tide, which rushes through the Inland Sea and causes them to be hung up for hours and days when the wind is unfavourable. The writer has convinced himself by personal experience that the motors made in Japan answer this purpose very well. They are, however, roughly made: on the other hand, there is no delicate machinery to get out of gear. They are also very heavy, a 12 horse-power motor weighing 2,000 to 2,500 lbs., whereas an American motor of the same horse-power would weigh only about half that weight. The weight is, however, not a drawback.

Gasoline motors will not find favour in Japan. Not only are they more dangerous, but they are unsuitable for commercial purposes, as gasoline is very dear and can be obtained only in the important towns or ports. As already stated, kerosene of the commonest kind can be got anywhere in Japan. In the port of Kobe, however, petrol motors are now increasing in number, but they are found expensive to run.

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**EXHIBITION.****ITALY.**

H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. W. M. Tweedie) has forwarded a copy of the General Report recently published by the International Jury for the Milan Exhibition, 1906, containing a list of the Exhibitors who obtained awards.

This report may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

NOTE.—The Report of the British Commission on the British section of the Exhibition, which gives the list of awards to British Exhibitors, was published some time since (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 4th April last, p. 11.)

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**SUGAR INDUSTRY IN REUNION, TAHITI AND  
GUADELOUPE.**

With reference to the notice on p. 401 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 1st March, 1906, relating to the sugar industry in Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Mauritius, the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have now received from H.M. Consular Officers information in regard to sugar estates, with details of the power used in the manufacture of sugar, in Réunion, Tahiti and Guadeloupe.

This information is available for the use of British merchants and traders interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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## BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

**Osaka.**—H.M. Consul at Kobe (Mr. H. A. C. Bonar), writing on the subject of industrial conditions in Osaka, states that there is a great future for industrial undertakings there by foreign manufacturers, or with the support of foreign capital. "Belgian and French money," Mr. Bonar continues, "with a very small proportion of British (privately subscribed) has been instrumental in bringing about the formation and installation of at least one enterprise, which is about to commence operations, namely, the manufacture of glass. If British manufacturers would carefully study the import returns given in the Consular reports every year, they should have no difficulty in perceiving, not what outlets they have for their manufactures in this country, but what the prospects are of profitable manufactures on the spot, such as the customs tariff is specially directed against, and which, owing to want of expert knowledge and capital, the Japanese are as yet unwilling to engage in. For the last few years Japan has seen a number of agents of British financial houses or syndicates offering to provide money for this or that undertaking, but the British manufacturer or his expert has been conspicuously absent. Manufacturers' agents are not referred to. There is good ground for believing that those who decide to venture on industrial undertakings which Japan does not yet possess, or only to a degree of mediocrity, will have reason to be satisfied with their experiments. In any case, it would certainly pay to send out experts, though these, unless properly introduced and provided with full powers to treat with Japanese—should a good opening be found—will have difficulty in obtaining access to Japanese industrial establishments. By visiting the country such experts might gain much information as to what is doing in Japan, and in Osaka especially."

**Chefoo.**—H.M. Consul at Chefoo (Mr. H. F. Brady), in his report for 1906, gives the following remarks on the subject of commercial travellers in China, supplied to him by a resident in Chefoo formerly engaged in the import trade:—"In many specific articles for which there is only a limited demand, it would not pay manufacturers to send an agent to represent them in their line alone; but if an enterprising man representing a group of manufacturers of suitable articles were to establish a central dépôt for exhibiting them, advertised well by means of posters, which is now being generally done throughout the North of China, and if he sent out active agents to travel through the districts he was working, I believe he would soon build up a good business, provided he was content with a reasonable profit. At first he would possibly not meet with a great measure of success, but in time the Chinese would get to know him and trust him, if he and his goods were trustworthy, and small buyers would then buy from his stock, while larger dealers would have an opportunity of seeing samples of what they wanted and would order freely on commission." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,929.*)

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## FANCY NAMES FOR TEXTILES SOLD IN JAPAN.

The following memorandum regarding the use by some British manufacturers of fancy names for their textile products has been received from the British Commercial Attaché at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe):—

“ Certain British textile manufacturers are in the habit of giving fancy names to some of their productions which have no peculiarly novel characteristics as regards the actual material entering into their composition. This may be a useful way of attracting custom at home and in other countries, but it serves no particular purpose in Japan, where no attention is paid by customers to fancy names. On the other hand it has the grave disadvantage of causing trouble and delay at the Customs, as the appraisers who do not know the goods under their fancy names require time to analyse them, or, at any rate, to see what they look like. I have even heard of one extreme case where there was difficulty in persuading a Customs’ official that ‘Corkscrews’ were not always to be classed as hardware. Most of the big firms dealing with Japan are aware of this, and they are careful to avoid the use of fancy names when invoicing, confining their descriptions to generally recognised names. The foregoing is written for the benefit of those firms who only deal occasionally with Japan.”

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## MACHINERY AND TINPLATE TRADE OF GALICIA.

The British Commercial Attaché at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell), reporting on the machinery trade of Galicia, remarks that the machinery for the sardine factories there is largely French, which is natural considering the former importance of this industry in France. The United States of America appear to do considerable business in tin-cutting machinery, and apparatus for mechanical soldering comes from Germany.

The numerous saw mills throughout Galicia use band saws, British makes being conspicuous by their absence; this is the case not only in Galicia but also in the important saw mills on the east coast of Spain. Most of the business is done by Valencia houses. A certain number of saws are supplied by German firms. Steam is generally used as motive power, the sawdust and waste serving as fuel for the boiler. In the sardine and other factories at Vigo gas engines are found to answer well, using the town gas supply.

Galicia is notably a province of small properties, and, therefore, agricultural machinery of the most primitive kind only is usually found. There appears to be some market for hand-threshing machines (*desgranador*). German machines are being sold at Corunna. Marine engines, steam windlasses, &c., for use in the small steam fishing boats built at Vigo are almost entirely bought

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in England. Although Vigo and Corunna are now well provided with ice factories, the fishing industry all along the coast is still comparatively in its infancy, and other ports are still in need of an ice supply. Barcelona also appears to be about to enter seriously into the fishing business, and English makers of ice plant might well keep an eye on this market. Steel cables for ships are dealt in by several firms to whom price lists, &c., might be sent. Iron wire is used for the keys on sardine tins. It is also noticeably replacing wood trellis work for the training of vines throughout Galicia. Thinner wire is also used for the manufacture of gridirons for roasting the sardines. The rapidity with which the coating of zinc wears off these latter is a source of trouble.

With regard to the tin-plate trade of Galicia, Mr. Cockerell states that the quality most generally used is of 74 kilogs. the box of 112 plates. It is estimated that about 300,000 boxes are consumed annually in the Vigo market, and, as in slack times the hands in the sardine factories are engaged in making tins, the sales vary little from year to year.

The total importation, practically all from England, during the last two years was 217 tons, to the value of 6,707*l.*, in 1905, and 723 tons, worth 25,394*l.*, in 1906. Assuming the total annual consumption to be about 2,000 tons it will be seen that the Spanish makers have acquired a considerable share of the business. Their plates have not the smoothness, equality of thickness and thickness of tin as the English, and a Vigo lithographer declares he would always pay an extra 50 cents. per box for the British article, which needs less varnish and less paint and produces more effective decoration. But fluctuations in the market make it sometimes more profitable to buy from Spanish makers, who have the advantage of a 14 pesetas (gold) protection per 100 kilogs. As regards communication Swansea has the advantage, being only four or five days distant from Vigo by sea. Freight for large quantities amounts to about 10*s.* per ton. When smaller quantities are required freight will amount to as much as 17*s.* per ton, and it is this which keeps the business as a rule in the hands of the lithographing firms who are in a position to import large quantities. Proposals have been made offering to lithograph plates supplied by customers, but these have met with no response.

Canners as a rule do not demand any special class of plate from the lithographers, contenting themselves with defining the dimensions and weight. English plates are, generally speaking, only bought when prices are favourable.

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### MOHAIR INDUSTRY OF KONIA.

The following report on the mohair goats of the Konia district has been drawn up by the Acting British Vice-Consul there (Capt. Doughty Wylie):—

“By the last returns of the ‘agnam’ tax for 1906 there were then in Konia province 566,100 mohair goats alive, not counting that year’s kids. Of these the severe winter and spring of 1906 and 1907 have killed about 30 per cent. Of this loss it is estimated that 15 per cent. were males, 40 per cent. females, and the rest yearlings. They died from wet, weakness induced by starvation, and from abortion. However, about the same quantity of mohair is on the market this year as last year, most of the dead goats having been clipped after death. The general quantity of mohair from the Konia market is about 200,000 okes (oke = 2.83 lb.), of which 145,000 okes have gone already to Constantinople.

“The quality this year is below the average. The hair of dead goats cut off in the winter is neither so long nor so strong as that of live goats clipped in the spring.

“The present year is said to be bad for the following reasons:—

“1. The hair of the dead goats has in many cases been mixed with that of the live ones, which brings down the general average of quality. Also where goats were housed in the bad weather their hair was stained by overcrowding.

“2. The winter wet and starvation killed the weaker goats, which are the females and young, and these give the best hair. For this year and next there is left a surplus of older coarser-haired goats, which will again bring down the average of quality.

“3. The wet breeding season caused much miscarriage, and the loss of the kids will give a loss of 30 per cent. in next year’s clip.

“4. The market is congested. The buyers told me in the end of August that there were 24,000 bales accumulated in Constantinople, since when 1,500 only have been sold. They say that the English market is holding back for a better price, and perhaps is distrusting this year’s quality; that the American buyers are taking the place of the English, but that they (the buyers here) expect the price to fall before the stocks on hand are disposed of.

“The general tendency of the trade is to increase. The price is one to two piastres (piastre = 2½d. about) higher than last year. Prices here are calculated at pts. 108 to the Turkish pound, as against pts. 100 in Constantinople. The difference pays the carriage, so that no allowance need be made on Konia prices for cost of carriage to Constantinople. At the end of August prices were in Konia:—

White—

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| Finest, 17 to 17½ pts. the oke           | ... | } Add 3 pts. for<br>Angora and 2 pts.<br>for Akshehr. |
| Second quality, 15 to 16 pts. the oke... | ... |   |
| Third (mixture), 14 pts. the oke         | ... |   |

Brown or yellow (Tshellengi)—

Finest quality, 14½ to 15 pts. the oke—deduction made according to percentage of bad hair mixed.

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"The white mohair is best in the Kastamuni and Angora districts. In the Konia district it is found along the hills from Konia to Akshehr, and in the next vilayet at Karahissar and neighbourhood. Towards Nigdeh there are some tiftik goats, but I think they are mostly brown. Towards Seidishehr and Bayshehr, the majority of goats are black, and very little white tiftik comes from there. Within eight hours from Konia the best villages are Mabass, Baghri Kurd, Meidan, Biledjik, Bashara Kavak, Kourshoumli, Tal Kenyi, Aahriz, Silleh, Killik Euren, Shandir, and Sismeh.

"In Angora and Kastamuni the hair is longer and thicker, but not so fine as nearer Konia. An Angora goat in December, when his hair is at its heaviest, can give five pounds of hair, but in Konia only three. The weight of a bale of Angora mohair will be 70 to 75 okes, one of Konia mohair only 60. The length of Angora hair might be put at 6 ins., as against three for Konia. As is natural with the shorter hair, Konia mohair is thinner and finer. The price rises, however, with length and weight, and is progressively higher from here to Karahissar along the Anatolian railway.

"The reason of the difference in quality appears to be that while at Konia the hills are bare of trees and bushes, further on they are covered with 'meshellik,' an oak shrub. The goats feed freely on this (they will eat nearly anything) and thus it secures them both pasture and, what is equally important, shade in the summer. After the clip in particular, hair grows longer and quicker in cool shady places than on bare hot hills.

"I hear that at Karahissar some trouble is taken to feed the goats in the winter, and to prevent inbreeding. Here there is practically nothing done. Occasionally in wet weather, the goats are housed, but in such a case they are enormously over-crowded, which stains and spoils their hair, and they are not fed. From time to time they are driven out to pick up what they can, which if there is much snow, is very little. Black and brown goats stand the winter better than the white ones, which are more delicate even than sheep. Wet is their greatest enemy, especially after shearing, and in the breeding season, when it causes abortion. Here breeding is left very much to chance. There is a curious power in the white stock when crossed with the brown. Thirty years ago there were no white goats in Konia, but now there are many. The first cross with a white male produces a white kid with slight brown markings. The second cross is pure white. The females drop their young (usually one) in March.

"The clip takes place at the end of April, about ten days earlier than with the sheep. Males are clipped first, to give the females more time after kidding. The kids are not clipped, as are the sheep, in the autumn of their first year. A black goat gives about

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1 lb. hair (not exported), a brown  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb., a white 3 lb. in Konia, 5 lb. in Angora. A young goat gives no hair his first year, but after that for 12 or 13 years gives a good clip. From then onwards, though he may live for 20 years, his hair deteriorates every year. Females and young give the best hair. Mohair is never washed before export, whereas wool always is.

"The Cape goats do not give such fine hair as those of Anatolia. There is no winter there comparatively, and the hair does not grow so well. There is a great want of Angora blood, and if the export were not forbidden a male goat would fetch 100*l.* or more. In California there are now between 300 and 400 goats, but no thoroughbreds. There also there is a great want of Angora blood, a male goat having fetched 1,000 dollars.

"Mohair pays 480 pts. a ton to Haidar Pasha, and 10 pts. for quay dues. There is no rebate given on a quantity. Buyers complain that they pay here at the same rate as at Kutahia and Karahissar, no reduction being made proportional to the distance."

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## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### DOMINION OF CANADA.

The "Canada Gazette" of 26th August last contains a copy of the regulations governing the inspection of meat in the Dominion of Canada which have been made with effect from 3rd September last, under the "Inspection of Meat and Canned Foods Act of 1907," notices of which have appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 7th March last and subsequent dates.

The regulations are not applicable to any establishment within the meaning of the Act in which the sole products prepared for food for export or stored for export are fish, fruit or vegetables. They provide, however, that every animal slaughtered and all carcasses, or products therefrom, prepared for food purposes, shall be inspected and handled as required.

These regulations, which are given in considerable detail, may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of a Notice (No. 1,132) issued on 19th June last, laying down the regulations to be observed respecting the introduction of trees, fruits and plants into the State of South Australia. The introduction of any grape-vine, or portion thereof, from any country is absolutely prohibited, and all other living trees and plants, and any portions thereof, may only be imported, under certain conditions, through the Port of Adelaide, except in the case of tubers of potatoes and bulbs of onions which may be imported overland from any Australian State. Other living trees, plants or portions thereof (not being fruit) may be introduced by parcels post at Adelaide.

These regulations may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

**EGYPT.**

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 18th ultimo contains a revised Valuation Tariff for use in assessing import duty on black pepper, which came into force on the 20th ultimo, and is to remain in operation until the 19th March next, or until denunciation:—

| Article.  | Valuation per kilog.* |                 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
|   | Former Tariff.        | Revised Tariff. |
| Black pepper of any origin (net weight with a tare of 2 per cent. for single bags and 4 per cent. for double bags) ... .. | Millièmes. †          | Millièmes. †    |
|   | 40                    | 38              |

\* Duty is levied on this valuation at the rate of 8 per cent.

† 1,000 millièmes = £ E1 = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

**FRANCE.**

A recent French Customs Circular states that in virtue of a Decision of the *Comité consultatif des Arts et Manufactures*, customs duty is to be levied on heliotropine imported into France at the rate of 1 franc 60 centimes per kilogramme, corresponding to the consumption duty on the 2 litres of alcohol (80 cts. per litre) employed in the preparation of 1 kilogramme of heliotropine. Crude heliotropine in a crystalline mass of a yellowish colour, which has not been purified by means of alcohol, will continue to be classified under the head of "Chemical products not specially mentioned, other than those with an alcoholic basis."

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### **FRANCE**—*continued.*

In virtue of a further Decision of the *Comité consultatif*, mild steel in bars, *cold-pressed*, presenting a smooth and polished appearance similar to that obtained by cold-drawing, is to be dutiable as mild steel in bars, cold-drawn, under No. 212 of the Customs Tariff.

**Customs  
Treatment of  
Cold-Pressed  
Steel Bars.**

A French Presidential Decree of the 29th June last provides that a bureau is to be opened at Morteau (Doubs) from the 1st January, 1908, for the assay and marking of gold and silver wares and for the importation and re-importation of such wares.

**Opening of a Bureau  
at Morteau for the  
Importation of Gold  
and Silver Wares.**

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at pp. 368-9 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 22nd August on the subject of the disinfection of hides imported into the United States, it should be noted that a Circular has now been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington stating that upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, hides taken from cattle at abattoirs in Great Britain, Norway, and Sweden, at which Government inspection is maintained, will be admitted without the production of certificates of disinfection therefor, provided the same are accompanied by a certificate issued by the official Government inspector stationed at the abattoir at which such hides are taken, showing that the animals from which they were taken were healthy at the time of slaughter, and that such hides are free from infection or disease, and also by an affidavit from the owner or shipper showing that such certificates refer to the identical hides imported.

The hides of cattle exported from the United States to Great Britain and slaughtered separately in this country will also be admitted without requiring the production of certificates of disinfection therefor.

A recent Circular of the Treasury Department states that small importations of free goods, and of all other goods when the duty does not exceed 5 dollars may be admitted without a formal entry.

**Small Importa-  
tions admitted  
without Formal  
Entry.**

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—*continued.*

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington:—

| Articles.   | Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable. | Rate of Duty.       |
|---|---|---------------------|
| <i>Scrap or refuse indiarubber</i> , worn out by use, assorted and ground for convenience in transportation or re-manufacturing ... ..  | 579   | Free                |
| <i>Cloth-lined waterproof wrapping paper</i> , consisting of paper with a coating of pitch, and having attached thereto a cotton fabric to give strength and security to the article, dutiable as a manufacture of paper ... .. | 407   | 35 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| <i>Persian berry extract</i> , dutiable as a non-enumerated manufactured article ... ..   | Section 6                                     | 20 % "              |
| <i>Small silk flags</i> , mounted on wooden sticks about 4½ inches in length, dutiable as manufactures of silk, not as toys... ..   | 391   | 50 % "              |
| <i>Buffing sticks</i> , composed of a strip of pine upon which is fastened a piece of leather, leather the component material of chief value, dutiable as manufactures of leather and not as brushes ...                        | 450   | 35 % "              |
| <i>Watch chains</i> composed of white metal are commonly known as jewellery, and swivels made of the same material and designed for use in the manufacture of watch chains are parts of jewellery ... ..                        | 434   | 60 % "              |

#### CHINA.

With reference to the notice appearing at p. 468 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 5th September, relative to the issue of certificates exempting foreign goods from the payment of consumption duty (*likin*) in the inland open marts of Manchuria, the Board of Trade understand, from information received through the Foreign Office, that the native Customs Authorities at such marts have orders to return the certificates in question, after the arrival and due verification of the goods, to the Maritime Customs by whom the certificates were issued. In the case of goods conveyed by rail from the maritime ports to the inland marts the certificates are to be returned within one month from the date of issue, but where the goods are conveyed by cart or boat, and also where they are taken to the more remote marts, the certificates are to be returned within two months.

## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### NEW ZEALAND.

A supplement to the "New Zealand Gazette" of 1st August contains the text of new regulations and amended scales of rates and charges on the New Zealand Government Railways which came into force on 16th September.

The "Gazette" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### BAHAMAS.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of an Act (No. 7 of 1907) to establish an Inter-Insular Mail Service in the Bahamas. It empowers the Governor in Council to establish a Mail Service between Nassau and the out Islands, and also to cause contracts to be made for this purpose.

The text of the Act may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### GERMANY.

H.M. Consul at Munich (Mr. L. Buchmann) reports that the Italian State Railways have established in Munich an Official European General Agency. The duty of this agency is to watch over the export and transport of Italian goods and to make contracts and purchases throughout Europe on behalf of the Italian State Railways.

The French Consul at Bremen, in a recent report, states that the authorities at that port have decided to put into immediate execution a project for the construction of an industrial and commercial port below Bremen, with the object of creating a large centre for establishing industries, especially those connected with export trade. This port will consist, according to the report, of a long basin, joined by five floating docks, of from 340 to 1,100 metres in length, which will be surrounded by roads and railways running in direct connexion with the principal Bremen lines. In order to avoid the variations of the tide, a lock gate is to be constructed, so as to close the basins on the river side.

### FRANCE-ALGERIA.

The Acting British Consul-General at Algiers (Hon. H. C. Dundas) has forwarded copies of new Decrees relating to vaccination in Algeria, from which it appears that immigrants must all be vaccinated upon entering the country, unless they can produce a certificate to the

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effect that they have already been treated. The shipping company is expected to defray the expenses thus incurred and must pay a tax of 50 centimes per person vaccinated.

The word immigrant refers only to immigrants properly speaking, and it is recommended that the captains of boats landing immigrants in Algiers should be prepared with a document stating whether third and fourth class passengers have been vaccinated or not, which they can present to the sanitary authorities upon arrival.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The Acting British Consul at Savannah (Mr. A. Harkness) reports that on 3rd September an agreement was entered into between cotton shippers and ship agents at that port, by which it will in future be necessary for cotton to be on the docks before bills of lading are issued for it.

**Issuance of Bills  
of Lading prior  
to Shipment of  
Goods.**

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**CHINA.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, copies of regulations made by H.M. Minister at Peking relating to harbour and pilotage arrangements at Foochow, and harbour arrangements at Santuao. These regulations may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

**Harbour and  
Pilotage  
Regulations at  
Foochow and  
Santuao.**

With reference to the notice on p. 614 of last week's "Board of Trade Journal," reporting an announcement by the Japanese Railway Authorities to the effect that a new scale of freight rates on the South Manchurian (Japanese) railway was to come into force on the 18th July, with no preferential rate in favour of Dalny, a further dispatch has been received from H.M. Consul-General at Mukden (Mr. H. E. Fulford, C.M.G.) reporting that rates to Dalny are now given as cts.  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  per ton per mile for first, second and third class goods respectively.

**Freight Rates on  
the South  
Manchurian  
Railway.**

## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### CEYLON.

The Colonial Office have issued a report [Cd. 3,762\*] by Professor Wyndham R. Dunstan, F.R.S., on the results of the Mineral Survey of Ceylon in 1905-6. The report, which is in continuation of Cd. 3,190 of 1906 (see pp. 366-7 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 22nd November last), deals with the composition and value of the minerals collected by the officers of the Survey in Ceylon or forwarded to the Imperial Institute by commercial firms or residents in the island.

Attention has again been given to the examination of localities in which minerals containing thorium may occur, especially the beds of streams and rivers, and preliminary results of much importance have been obtained. The river gravels have in many instances been proved to contain not only the valuable minerals thorianite, monazite and thorite, but gold in addition.

The other minerals of commercial importance dealt with in the report are tinstone (not yet found in large quantity), galena, and molybdenite. Of great interest also is the occurrence of platinum, found for the first time in Ceylon, near Karawita.

The mineral survey of Ceylon has now been sanctioned by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the recommendation of the Government of Ceylon, for a further term of three years under the supervision of the Director of the Imperial Institute, and in collaboration with the Scientific and Technical Department of the Institute. (*Colonial Reports, Miscellaneous, No. 42.*)

### CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of 10th September contains the text of an Act (No. 16 of 1907) to amend the mineral law of the Colony.

**New  
Mining Law.**

The "Gazette" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### RUSSIA.

Referring to the recent opening of a bureau under the Board of Agriculture in St. Petersburg, for studying the improvement of agrarian machinery, the "Commercial and Industrial Gazette" (St. Petersburg) states that the number of houses interested in this branch of trade is considerable, but no office existed hitherto which could give attention to spreading the use of improved machinery among the people. This want is now supplied by the new bureau, and is managed by Russian agricultural

**Agricultural  
Machinery  
Bureau.**

\* Obtainable from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C., on payment of 2½d.

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experts in connexion with the Agricultural Museum and various testing stations. This bureau is in touch also with other institutions of a like nature abroad, and it is ready to receive every kind of information about agricultural machinery, including catalogues and price lists.

### VENEZUELA.

The Acting British Vice-Consul at Caracas (Mr. A. Cherry) has forwarded a sample of talc that he has received from an engineer who states that he would undertake to ship 3,000 tons per month similar to sample f.o.b. at La Guaira at a price of 55 bolivars per ton.

The sample may be examined by British firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 28th September, 1907, were as follows:—

|              |        |     |     |     |     |      |     |
|--------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Corn Prices. | Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31s. | 8d. |
|              | Barley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25s. | 3d. |
|              | Oats   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17s. | 8d. |

For further particulars see p. 36.

A statement is published on p. 37, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 28th September, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

### PORTUGAL—ANGOLA.

The following information regarding the prospects of cotton cultivation in Angola\* is taken from the report by H.M. Consul at Loanda (Mr. H. G. Mackie) recently published by the Foreign Office.

(*Annual Series*, 3,928):—

"Cotton flourishes in Angola, where it is indigenous, but its

\* As noted on p. 140 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 18th April last, a sample of Angola cotton seed has been received from H.M. Consul at Loanda, and may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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cultivation is neglected. The soil is admirably adapted to the cotton plant, particularly the sugar cane fields. They are irrigated and the soil is of alluvial nature. These fields are situated in the coast belt bordering the numerous rivers along the coast that empty into the ocean. The cotton fields that do exist here and there are small in area, and the plants are not attended to, except at harvesting time, when the cotton is picked and the trees are left uncared for until the next picking. Better results would be obtained by the ordinary agriculturist were he to cultivate the plant as an annual, but he would doubtless think it an absurd thing to do. His cotton plants are shrubs, or frequently tree-like, of ten or more years of age.

The cotton spinner in Portugal treats the Angola products as of one quality and offers no inducement to the planter to cultivate a superior article. . . .

"Endeavours are now being made to revive the industry by creating committees, through the medium of the Portuguese Commercial Associations, for promoting its culture and sale, and by granting lands for cotton growing on more advantageous terms than hitherto. Experimental stations for the production of seeds are to be organised at Government expense unless undertaken by private initiative, and machines and implements used for cotton cultivation, as well as seeds, are now admitted duty free.

"A British firm has experimented with Brazilian seed, and has succeeded in producing cotton long in staple and of an excellent quality. . . .

"The Decree releasing this industry from excessive taxation (see Board of Trade Journal of 5th September, p. 475) is a step in the right direction, but if the system of artificially drawing the products of this colony into the Lisbon market by means of preferential duties is to be applied to this article, any direct trade with foreign countries will be paralysed, and the advantages accorded to the industry under the recent enactment counteracted in no small measure."

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### GREECE.

H.M. Minister at Athens has forwarded a despatch from the British Delegate on the International Financial

**Currant Crop.** Commission respecting the Greek currant crop, reporting that the crop for this season promised to be abundant and was estimated at from 320 to 330 million Venetian pounds as against 280 to 300 million last year. During the drying period, however, torrential rains caused considerable damage and the quantity of currants in good condition is now put at 290 millions (136000 tons).

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The Privileged Company wished to avail themselves of an article in the charter enabling them, subject to Government consent, to accept the retention duty and tax—amounting to 35 per cent. of the currants exported—either in kind or in money at the rate of 115 drachmas per 1,000 Venetian pounds. The growers, however, being naturally opposed to this arrangement, it was decided, after considerable discussion, that until the export had attained 140,000,000 pounds the 35 per cent. tax should be paid in kind, but that afterwards the growers should have the choice of paying either in kind or in money.

The yield of last year's crop was, as usual, below the amount estimated, totalling 135,500 tons as against 160,500 tons in 1905.

108,700 tons of currants were shipped from Greece during the season August, 1906—August, 1907 and were distributed as follows:—to the United Kingdom and Australia, 62,500 tons as against 65,700 in 1905-6; to the United States and Canada, 16,900 tons as compared with 17,500 in 1905-6, and to the Continent of Europe, 29,300 tons as against 29,800 the previous year.

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**JAPAN.**

The British Commercial Attaché at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe) reports that considerable damage was caused by severe rainstorms which swept over Japan during the five days from the 21st to 26th

August. Fortunately there was little or no wind, and the experts of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce announce that the harm done to the rice crop is not very serious.

There are three kinds of rice cultivated in Japan, the early, the middle, and the late. The middle or "Nakate" constitutes the bulk of the crop, and, according to Japanese estimates, it ought to have flowered about the 2nd September. The process of filling the ear should take place some ten days later, and it was expected that if the weather remained favourable the crop would be above the average.

As regards silk, Mr. Crowe remarks that the spring and summer crops have so far proved very successful, but

unfortunately, just at the time when the autumn worms should have begun to spin, the weather changed, and, as these worms are particularly affected by climatic conditions, much harm was done, the loss being estimated at about 2,000,000*l*.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 26th September, **Cotton Statistics.** 1907, was 34,627 (including 69 bales British West Indian and 335 bales British West African), and the number imported during the thirty-nine weeks ended the 26th September was 3,297,249 (including 5,629 bales British West Indian and 8,467 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 26th September, 10,864 bales, and for the thirty-nine weeks, 392,718 bales.

For further details see p. 36.

The following persons, nominated under the 8th section of the Weight and Measures Act, 1904, have passed the examination provided for under that section:—  
**Inspectors of Weights and Measures.** A. S. Balmer, J. Barragry, H. J. Bloxham, F. J. Burke, P. Cahill, C. Castles, H. Connor, J. Devery, P. Garvey, G. H. Hassell, E. Kenny, G. Kerr, W. Lacy, D. A. Leonard, P. McCaffrey, L. McGowan, J. McKenna, M. McMorro, J. W. Nixon and F. Quinn, of the Royal Irish Constabulary; M. Kelly, of the Dublin Metropolitan Police; and J. Waldron, of the Dalkey M.D.C.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The "Indian Trade Journal" states that it has been informed by Mr. Alfred Chatterton, Director of Industrial and Technical Inquiries, Madras, that the popularity of chrome leather has lately been growing very rapidly among the ryots of the Madras Presidency, and is chiefly due to the fact that it is gaining a reputation for its durability among those who use it largely for water-bags.

The native demand for chrome tanned sandals is increasing and the Salt Department of Madras have given it a powerful impetus by placing an order for nearly 8,000 pairs of sandals for the use of the peons of that department. Among Europeans it is coming to be generally recognised that it is an ideal material for boots in which really hard work has to be done, and by the parcel post system Madras-made boots are now being supplied to planters and others as far North as Quetta and Assam and as far South as Travancore.

The Volunteer Regiments in the South of India have tried chrome leather and approve of it. Enquiries are being received from military officers commanding native troops and it is not unlikely that eventually chrome leather will be adopted generally for boots.

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**NEWFOUNDLAND.**

With reference to the article on pp. 267-9 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 8th August, relating to the **Fishing Industry:** fishing industry of Newfoundland, it should be noted that in the table of exports of dry cod the quantities given represent the number of quintals or ordinary hundredweights (of 112 lb.), and not *Canadian* hundredweights, as is erroneously stated in the footnote appended to the table.

**A Correction.**

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**EGYPT.**

The British Vice-Consul at Alexandria (Mr. C. A. Greig) has forwarded samples of six different varieties of gum arabic, together with particulars as to prices c.i.f. to any port in Europe.

**Samples of  
Gum Arabic.**

The samples may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**FRANCE.**

The "Journal Officiel" of 13th September contains statistics of the production of sugar in France during the period 1st September, 1906 to 31st August, 1907, from which it appears that the number of sugar factories in France was 273, as against 292 in 1905-6, the total amount of sugar despatched from the factories (expressed in terms of refined sugar) being 752,733 metric tons, as compared with 1,044,197 tons in 1905-6. The raw material supplied to the factories amounted to 65,004,263 hectolitres in 1906-7, as compared with 97,904,142 hectolitres in 1905-6.

**Sugar Production  
in 1906-7.**

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**FRANCE-TUNIS.**

With reference to the notice on p. 86 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 10th January last, respecting the restriction of the collection of esparto grass in the Regency of Tunis, H.M. Consul-General at Tunis (Mr. E. J. L. Berkeley, C.B.) has forwarded a copy of a recent Decree on the subject to the effect that the period of prohibition of all the operations connected with the exploitation of esparto grass is reduced under exceptional circumstances to two months during 1908. It is fixed from the 16th January to the 15th March inclusive in certain civil districts and in the territories which are under military authority; and from the 16th February to the 15th April inclusive in the remaining parts of the Regency.

**Restriction of  
Collection of  
Esparto Grass.**

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The prohibition of the carriage of esparto grass does not apply to the carriage by rail and the shipping of grass packed in bales or stored in the dockyards previous to the commencement of the period of prohibition.

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**SPAIN.**


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With reference to the notice on p. 592 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th December last relating to the proposed development of Spanish West Africa by private enterprise, H.M. Embassy at Madrid have forwarded a translation of a Decree authorising the Ministro de Fomento to make a contract with the General Hispano-African Society, upon its legal constitution, for the development of Spanish interests in Africa. The Government is to grant a subvention of 500,000 pesetas (about 20,000*l.*) to the said company and to receive in return 50 per cent. of the net profits, provided the latter exceed 8 per cent. of the capital invested in the enterprise.

The company will be required to set up factories in Morocco enabling them to put Spanish goods on the Moorish markets to compete with foreign products; to construct harbour works, convey water to Ceuta, make cisterns, artesian wells and a coal depôt there, as well as other public works, and also to tender for public services and concessions in Morocco, such as the tobacco monopoly, &c.

In regard to the West Coast Colonies it will be the duty of the company to put down disorder such as interferes with the course of trade, to encourage the fishing industry, to explore the interior, and to establish a Spanish population at Rio de Oro. Lastly, in respect of Spanish Guinea, the company will undertake to execute public works, and generally keep in repair the harbours, docks, &c., of the chief towns, to found a bank, collect the taxes, &c., and to stimulate business operations in the Colony.

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**TURKEY.**


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The German Consul-General in Constantinople reports that the unfavourable weather which has prevailed throughout the year caused the rose crop to be small last spring, and the distilling was also upset from the same cause. The figures of the total production are stated to lie between 450,000 and 600,000 metikals. If the former of these two be taken as correct the whole production is 40 per cent. less than last year—that is, 2,100 kgs. of otto of roses compared with 3,600 kgs. last year.

The demand has in consequence become proportionately large, with the result that the best Bulgarian otto of roses is sold at 750 marks per kilogram, and the price is steadily rising.

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**BULGARIA.**

According to statistics communicated to the "Courrier de Sophia" by the Chamber of Commerce at Plovdiv, the production of essence of roses in Bulgaria in 1907 amounted to 546,253 bottles, as compared with 843,582 bottles in the preceding year. The principal producing districts were Karlovo, Kazanlik, and Plovdiv, producing 239,917, 129,411, and 68,428 bottles respectively.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The Acting British Consul at Savannah (Mr. A. Harkness) reports that the quantity of resin and spirits of turpentine received at Savannah during the year ended 31st August last was about 658,510 barrels of resin and 188,539 casks of turpentine valued at 9,355,000 dols. Prices, however, have as a rule been unsatisfactory, owing principally to a general decline of building operations in the country, which affected the value of spirits of turpentine; speculation also had an unfavourable effect on values and there was a reduced English demand for the American product.

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**MEXICO.**

The Mexican "Diario Oficial" contains the text of a concession granted by the Mexican Ministerio de Fomento to Mr. Francis F. Ogilvie for the exploitation of guano upon the islands of Bermeja, Cayo Nuevo, Obispo North, Obispo South and their reefs, and of Pajaros Muertos, and Bajo Nuevo and their reefs, in the Gulf of Mexico. The contract is for a period of 10 years, reckoning from the date of publication. The Concessionaire engages to pay to the Mexican Government the sum of 75 cents for each ton of guano extracted, as well as the export duties.

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**HAYTI.**

The Acting British Consul-General at Hayti (Mr. A. L. Rowley) reports that a law has been passed suppressing the stamp tax on bills of exchange, cheques drawn in Hayti on foreign countries, &c.

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## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 39 Weeks ended 26th September, 1907 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>26th Sept.,<br>1907. | 39 Weeks<br>ended<br>26th Sept.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>26th Sept.,<br>1907. | 39 Weeks<br>ended<br>26th Sept.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)               |   | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)               |   |
|                      | No.                                | No.                                       | No.                                | No.                                       |
| American ... ..      | 27,153                             | 2,464,444†                                | 7,413                              | 198,964                                   |
| Brazilian ... ..     | 3,387                              | 182,903                                   | —                                  | 15,316                                    |
| East Indian ... ..   | 271                                | 179,586†                                  | 1,911                              | 60,607                                    |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 2,575                              | 354,465†                                  | 1,240                              | 106,857                                   |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 1,241*                             | 115,851††                                 | 300                                | 10,974                                    |
| Total ... ..         | 34,627                             | 3,297,249                                 | 10,864                             | 392,718                                   |

\* Including 69 bales British West Indian and 335 bales British West African.

† Corrected figures.

†† Including 5,629 bales British West Indian and 8,467 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 28th September, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|  |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|--|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|  |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
| Week ended 28th September, 1907 ... .. |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
|  |  | 31             | 8  | 25      | 3  | 17    | 8  |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>          |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                            |  | 28             | 9  | 26      | 2  | 16    | 10 |
| 1901 ... ..                            |  | 25             | 8  | 26      | 3  | 17    | 7  |
| 1902 ... ..                            |  | 25             | 10 | 25      | 11 | 17    | 5  |
| 1903 ... ..                            |  | 26             | 3  | 23      | 9  | 15    | 9  |
| 1904 ... ..                            |  | 29             | 10 | 25      | 5  | 15    | 8  |
| 1905 ... ..                            |  | 26             | 9  | 24      | 3  | 16    | 1  |
| 1906 ... ..                            |  | 25             | 9  | 24      | 8  | 16    | 2  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 28th September, 1907, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|  |            | Week ended<br>28th Sept.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|--|------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>   |            |                                    |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..                                   | Number.    | 9,587                              | 14,636                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..   | "          | 858                                | 836                                 |
| Swine ... ..   | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..  | "          | 286                                | 223                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>  |            |                                    |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...                           | Cwts.      | 143,467                            | 92,311                              |
| Mutton " " " " " " " " " "   | "          | 95,900                             | 60,841                              |
| Pork " " " " " " " " " "   | "          | 11,691                             | 11,274                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>                                      |            |                                    |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..   | Cwts.      | 100,589                            | 95,086                              |
| Beef ... ..  | "          | 8,086                              | 1,309                               |
| Hams ... ..  | "          | 17,158                             | 21,655                              |
| Pork ... ..  | "          | 4,341                              | 3,883                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh ... ..                                       | "          | 11,491                             | } 10,447                            |
| " " salted ... ..  | "          | 1,812                              |                                     |
| " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) | "          | 6,532                              |                                     |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>                                 |            |                                    |                                     |
| Butter ... ..  | Cwts.      | 66,056                             | 70,627                              |
| Margarine ... ..   | "          | 14,554                             | 20,461                              |
| Cheese ... ..  | "          | 55,588                             | 53,331                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..                                   | "          | 60                                 | 160                                 |
| " cream ... ..   | "          | 77                                 | 121                                 |
| " condensed ... ..   | "          | 16,550                             | 21,497                              |
| " preserved, other kinds ... ..  | "          | 27                                 | 274                                 |
| Eggs ... ..  | Grt. Hndr. | 485,866                            | 345,775                             |
| Poultry ... ..   | Value £    | 2,836                              | 4,043                               |
| Game ... ..  | "          | 1,051                              | 1,412                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ... ..                                | Cwts.      | 30,186                             | 15,537                              |
| Lard ... ..  | "          | 40,157                             | 42,388                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>                                  |            |                                    |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..   | Cwts.      | 2,208,800                          | 1,680,100                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..  | "          | 421,700                            | 319,500                             |
| Barley ... ..  | "          | 908,800                            | 573,700                             |
| Oats ... ..  | "          | 73,600                             | 235,800                             |
| Peas ... ..  | "          | 53,090                             | 83,000                              |
| Beans ... ..   | "          | 29,910                             | 14,290                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..  | "          | 1,749,600                          | 1,043,000                           |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>  |            |                                    |                                     |
| Apples ... ..  | Cwts.      | 89,850                             | 46,025                              |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..  | "          | 187                                | 895                                 |
| Bananas ... ..   | Bunches.   | 189,697                            | 140,361                             |
| Cherries ... ..  | Cwts.      | —                                  | —                                   |
| Currants ... ..  | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..  | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..  | "          | 35,825                             | 51,244                              |
| Lemons ... ..  | "          | 6,800                              | 22,123                              |
| Oranges ... ..   | "          | 8,471                              | 7,673                               |
| Pears ... ..   | "          | 33,028                             | 33,139                              |
| Plums ... ..   | "          | 1,698                              | 55,325                              |
| Strawberries ... ..  | "          | —                                  | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | "          | 10,114                             | 13,447                              |
| Hay ... ..   | Tons.      | 1,541                              | 2,420                               |
| Straw ... ..   | "          | 2,433                              | 2,072                               |
| Moss Litter ... ..   | "          | 2,028                              | 1,667                               |
| Hops ... ..  | Cwts.      | 8,078                              | 3,935                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..  | "          | 84                                 | 33,475                              |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>   |            |                                    |                                     |
| Onions ... ..  | Bushels.   | 195,460                            | 256,668                             |
| Potatoes ... ..  | Cwts.      | 101,064                            | 19,139                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..  | "          | 83,002                             | 15,587                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | Value £    | 2,189                              | 3,452                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried ... ..</b>  | Cwts.      | 10,060                             | 3,376                               |
| Preserved by canning ... ..  | "          | 7,478                              | 7,709                               |

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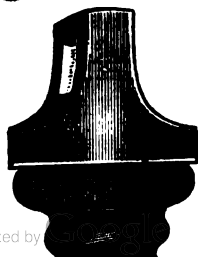
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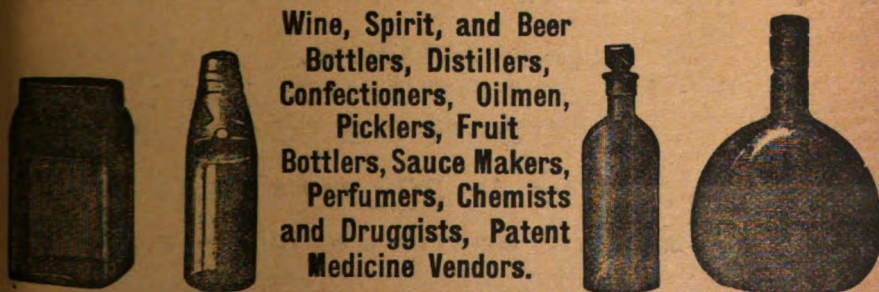
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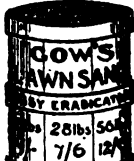
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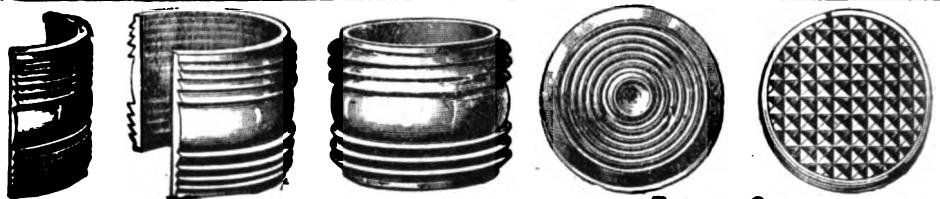
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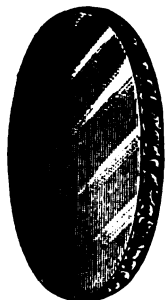


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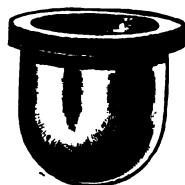
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## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of bridgework. The

**Bridgework.** conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director General of Stores,

India Office, Whitehall, London, S.W., and tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 p.m. on the 22nd October.

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#### **BRITISH INDIA**—*continued.*

Copies of the schedule, specification and conditions of contract may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company are prepared to receive, up to noon on

**Railway Stores.** the 15th October, tenders for the supply of (1) wheels and axles, (2) foundry coke, (3) red and white lead, (4) spring steel, (5) bunting, canvas, &c. Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained at the Company's offices, Gloucester House, 2, 3 and 4, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., on payment of 21s. each (which will not be returned). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Directors of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of the

**Railway Stores.** following stores, namely :—Wheels and axles, lamps and lamp fittings, cloths, &c., plate-layers' tools. Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's offices, 48, Copthall Avenue, London, E.C., on payment of the fee for the specification, which payment will not be returned. Tenders must be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Wheels and Axles," or as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m. on the 17th October. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

#### **CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the

**Commercial Enquiries.** Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained :—

#### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London firm manufacturing hoists, lifts, cranes, &c., are seeking representation in different centres of population in Canada.

A firm of sauce and pickle manufacturers in the Midlands are prepared to appoint agents in some of the larger Canadian cities.

A South Wales firm of provision merchants, with long and practical experience of the requirements of the district, are desirous of hearing from Canadian exporters of butter, cheese, bacon, and other provisions.

A London firm of wholesale and export brush manufacturers contemplate appointing agents in Canada, and desire to hear from suitable persons.

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**CANADA—continued.**

A London firm exporting bricks of all kinds are desirous of appointing agents in different parts of Canada.

A London firm manufacturing fire-proof slates are seeking the services of agents for the sale of these goods in Canada.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A Montreal firm of wholesale paper dealers desire to hear of a paper-bag factory in Great Britain which could undertake a contract for the making and delivery in Canada of about six million bags, shipments to be made once or twice a month. Paper would probably be supplied.

A correspondent in the Province of Quebec having three undeveloped asbestos mines for disposal is desirous of hearing from persons in Great Britain who are looking out for such properties.

Enquiry is made from Ontario for English firms who may be desirous of dealing with shipments of Canadian apples.

A Toronto firm ask to be referred to London and Leeds houses in the clothing trade exporting a medium-grade such as would be worn by persons in moderate circumstances.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained :—

**HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A firm manufacturing various kinds of steel seals, as used by the milling and oil industries, &c., seek suitable Canadian resident agents.

A company invite quotations from Canadian manufacturers who can supply maple wood flooring blocks in large quantities.

A London firm seek Canadian resident representatives for the sale of Portland cement; white, glazed and printed flooring tiles; artistic cement for making imitation marble; artificial slates and similar goods.

A firm manufacturing garden syringes, hose fittings, pumps, bells and various brass goods wish to get into correspondence with Canadian athletic outfitting firms.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A Montreal manufacturers' agent asks to be placed in correspondence with United Kingdom manufacturers of China clay and of ultramarine blues.

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#### **CANADA—continued.**

An old-established firm of manufacturers' agents in Montreal are willing to represent, for the whole of the Dominion, a first-class United Kingdom manufacturer of tin plates, and also of Canada plates, not already represented in Canada.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

According to a report by the Canadian Commercial Agent at Melbourne (Mr. D. H. Ross), moulding manufacturers should turn their attention to the remarkable demand in Australia for all classes of moulding suitable for pictures and mounts, which importers find hard to satisfy in Melbourne and other centres. During the last few months there has been quite a revival in Australian art, and the consequent demand for picture frames has greatly exceeded anything previously experienced. Mr. Ross adds that it would be well to submit a few samples by parcel post in order to show the standard qualities.

#### **CAPE COLONY.**

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of 10th September contains the text of a Government **Public Works.** Bill to provide for the raising of a loan of 371,500*l.* for certain public works, including construction of lighthouses, harbour and irrigation works, and railway construction. A sum of 13,362*l.* is also to be applied to telephone construction.

The "Gazette" of the 17th September announces that tenders will be received by the Agent-General for the **Paper.** Colony, London, and the Chairman of the Tender Board, Cape Town, up to noon on the 30th October, for the supply of writing and printing paper, &c. Samples may be inspected and forms of tender obtained at the Agent-General's Office, 100, Victoria Street, London, S.W. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

A few copies of the conditions and forms of tender have been received from the Board of Trade's Correspondent at Cape Town (Mr. E. J. Cattell), and may be obtained by British contractors on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**NORTHERN NIGERIA.**

The Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of Northern Nigeria, invite tenders for the supply of (a) 10,000 tons of British standard 45 lb., F. B. rails, (b) 243,000 steel sleepers and keys. Forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained on application at the office of the Crown Agents, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., on payment of a deposit of 1l. each, returnable on receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender for the whole or part of the supplies required. Tenders (in sealed envelopes) are to be delivered to the Crown Agents not later than noon on the 25th October, endorsed "Tender for 45 lb. Rails" or "Steel Sleepers" as the case may be. The Crown Agents do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**SIERRA LEONE.**

The Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone, invite tenders for the supply of wagon rolling stock. Forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained on application at the office of the Crown Agents, Whitehall Gardens, S.W., on payment of the sum of 1l., returnable on receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender for the whole or part of the supplies required.

Tenders, in sealed envelopes, are to be delivered to the Crown Agents not later than noon on the 17th October, endorsed "Tender for Wagon Rolling Stock." The Crown Agents do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**EGYPT.**

The Administration of the Egyptian State Railways invite tenders for the supply of stationery required during 1908. Samples may be seen and copies of the specification and list of articles obtained (price 4s.) at the office of the Inspecting Engineer in London, Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, S.W. Tenderers may submit with their offers samples of a better quality than those of the Administration. The amount of earnest money to accompany each tender is 10 per cent. of the total amount of the tender, and must be in cash remitted by postal order. Tenders, accompanied by a stamped paper of 30 millièmes (which may be obtained from Lieut.-Col. Western), and enclosed in two envelopes, the inner bearing the inscription "Offer for the Supply of Stationery," must be delivered by registered post to the Superintendent of Stores, Egyptian State Railways, Cairo, by noon on the 14th November.

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### **EGYPT**—*continued.*

A list of the articles required and a copy of the form of contract may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The Acting British Consul at Cairo (Mr. P. Sciortino) has forwarded copies of the conditions of tender, specifications and drawing relating to a call for tenders for the supply of two steam launches for the Korimat and Elessi Pumping Stations (see p. 492 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 12th September). They may be inspected by British builders at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

It should be noted that tenders must be delivered (in Egypt) by 10 a.m. on the 17th October.

### **NORWAY.**

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Norwegian State Railways have issued a call for tenders for the supply of 250 india-rubber water hose. Tenders are to be marked "Gummislanger," and are to be delivered at Styrelsens Expeditionsskontor, Christiania, by 3 p.m. on the 25th October.

Copies of the specification, conditions and drawings (forwarded by H.M. Consul) may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

NOTE.—Apart from the usual Customs duties a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers. In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenderers not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

### **SWEDEN.**

H.M. Consul at Stockholm (Mr. H. M. Villiers) reports a statement to the effect that the zinc works at Sala are preparing to increase their output by means of a new oven capable of treating 60 tons of ore in 24 hours, and that the company have taken shares in the neighbouring waterfall "Tyttbeforsen" in order to obtain cheap electric power. These zinc works are interesting, says Mr. Villiers, owing to the employment of the "cyclone" system of treating ore. The ore only contains from 18 to 20 per cent. of zinc, and

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until this method was introduced the ore was considered practically useless. It is also stated that by means of the "cyclone" method, quicksilver is being extracted from the ores at Sala. [Sala is situated in the County of Westeras in Westmanland, to the North-west of Stockholm, from which it is easily accessible by railway.]

### GERMANY.

H.M. Consul-General at Berlin (Dr. P. Schwabach) has forwarded particulars and a form of tender and contract relating to the supply to the Prussian State Railway Directorate at Berlin of the following

**Pig-Iron.**  
materials:—

410,000 kilos. of grey foundry pig-iron and 20,000 kilos. of spiegel-iron—for delivery to the works at Potsdam, near Berlin.

350,000 kilos. of grey foundry pig-iron—for delivery to the works at Tempelhof, near Berlin.

Sealed tenders, inscribed "Angebot auf Roheisen," must be delivered to "Das Rechnungsbureau, 1-4 Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35," not later than 11 a.m. on the 22nd October, and samples of the article tendered for are to be sent to "Koenigliche Eisenbahn-Werkstätteninspektion," Potsdam, near Berlin, on or before the 17th October.

Tenders are to hold good until 5th November next, and delivery of the various articles is to be made at the different works (Werkstätten) specified in the form of tender during the period from 1st April, 1908 to 31st March, 1909, but the authorities may demand such deliveries to be made before the former date and after the latter, not, however, subsequent to 30th June, 1909. Tenderers must state whether the material has been produced at their own works.

Forms of tender and contract may be obtained at the "Zentral-bureau, Zimmer 420," 1-4 Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35, on payment of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each (by post office order or postal order, but not in stamps).

The conditions, &c., may be seen by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The "Reichsanzeiger" of 1st October contains a copy of a Decree authorising the Osterwieck - Wasserleber Eisenbahn-Actiengesellschaft of Berlin to construct and work a broad-gauge branch railway from Osterwieck *via* Hornburg to Borssum, within the boundaries of the State of Prussia.

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#### **BELGIUM.**

The "Bulletin Commercial" of 5th October contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the construction of a metal bridge for the railway over the road from Marcinelle to Couillet, at Charleroi. **Bridge Construction.** The estimated cost is 39,590 francs (about 1,583*l.*). A deposit of 3,500 francs (140*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Information may be obtained at the office of M. Heymans, ingénieur en chef, Directeur de Service, Avenue des Viaducs 8, Charleroi.

#### **SWITZERLAND.**

The "Feuille Fédérale Suisse" of the 2nd October states that a concession has been granted to the Communes of Chiasso, Balerna, Coldrerio, Mendrisio, Capolago and Riva S. Vitale, for the construction of a narrow-gauge electric tramway from Chiasso to Riva S. Vitale. **Electric Tramway Construction.** The length of the line projected is 12,200 metres.

#### **PORTUGAL.**

The "Diario do Governo" of 30th September contains a copy of a Decree granting the concession of the iron mine at Brabancxê, S. Luis, "Conselho" Odemira, to Mr. Leon C. Maudet. **Mining Plant.**

#### **SPAIN.**

H.M. Consul at Bilbao (Mr. A. Maclean) reports that two motor carts, one of which was made by a British firm, **Motor Carts, &c.** are working in that town. Some enquiries having been made by local firms for steam wagons, the Bilbao Town Council appointed a sub-committee to study the advisability of mechanical transport for scavenging purposes and for their Public Works Department.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 2nd October contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply of the inks required by the Fábrica Nacional de la Moneda y Timbre during the years 1908-9-10. **Inks.**

Local representation is necessary. Tenders should be sent in to the Negociado Correspondiente de la Dirección general del Timbre del Estado, Madrid, by 8th November. A deposit of 3,500 pesetas (about 134*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta" also announces that the same Dirección invites tenders for the supply of two lots of white paper called "Tina," both of first and second class, as required by the above Fábrica for **"Tina" Paper.**

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the years 1908-9-10. Local representation is necessary. Tenders should be sent in to the Negociado Correspondiente de la Dirección not later than (1) 11th November, and (2) 12th November. A deposit of 2,500 pesetas (about 89*l.*) on each lot is required to qualify any tender.

### **SPAIN-CANARY ISLANDS.**

H.M. Consul at Tenerife (Mr. J. E. Croker) has forwarded a copy (with translation) of a notice published in the "Diario de Tenerife," to the effect that the **Tunnel Construction.** Tenerife Water Company, Limited, invite tenders for the construction of various tunnels for opening up the water supply in different strata of the Peak of Tenerife.

Further particulars may be obtained from the offices of the Company, 5, Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C.

### **ITALY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) reports that sealed tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. on the days specified below for the supply to the Italian navy of the following articles:—

| Date.            | Articles required.     | Estimated Cost.    | Qualifying Deposit. |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 21st October ... | Leather belting ... .. | 30,000 lire ...    | 3,000 lire.         |
|                  |                        | (1,200 <i>l.</i> ) | (120 <i>l.</i> )    |
| 25th „ ...       | Woollen blankets... .. | 35,760 lire ...    | 3,580 lire.         |
|                  |                        | (1,430 <i>l.</i> ) | (143 <i>l.</i> )    |
| 29th „ ...       | Linoleum ... ..        | 60,000 lire ...    | 6,000 lire.         |
|                  |                        | (2,400 <i>l.</i> ) | (240 <i>l.</i> )    |

Public competitions will be held simultaneously at the Royal Arsenals (Contract Offices) of Spezia and Naples in the case of the first and second of the above contracts, and at the Royal Arsenals of Spezia and Venice in the case of the third.

The special conditions of contract may be seen at the Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the Royal Arsenals; at the Technical Offices of the Navy at Genoa; and at the principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

Each tender should be made out on Government stamped paper of 1 lira. Local representation is necessary.

The expenses of registration, printing and stamp duty are payable by the successful tenderer.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 1st October contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the construction of a breakwater between the "pontile dei Voltoni" and "Lo Scoglietto," and of a groin, also in reef form, north of the town of Rio-Marina,

#### **Breakwater Construction.**

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#### **ITALY**—*continued.*

in the island of Elba, the estimated cost of which is 444,310 lire (about 17,772*l.*). A deposit of about 22,000 lire (about 880*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of 1 lira, not later than the 17th October, to the "Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici—Ufficio d'ispezione"—Rome. They should be marked "Offerte per Asta."

The "Gazzetta" of 2nd October contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply of 2,500 woollen blankets for use at the hospitals in Rome. The amount required will be divided into three lots—(1) 1,000 blankets, (2) 1,000 blankets, and (3) 500 blankets—the estimated cost of each blanket being about 14 lire. Deposits of 300 lire on each of the first two lots, and 150 lire on the third lot, are required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of 1 lira to the "Pio Istituto di Santo Spirito ed ospedali riuniti," Rome, not later than 20th October.

The "Gazzetta" of 3rd October contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the construction of artificial moles of cement to form a small dock for the harbouring of coal ships in the Royal Maritime Arsenal of Taranto. The estimated cost is 55,000 lire (about 2,200*l.*). A deposit of 5,500 lire (about 220*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of 1 lira, to the "Direzione Autonoma del genio Militare per la R. Marina, Taranto," not later than 22nd October.

The "Gazzettas" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The "Bulletin" of the French Chamber of Commerce at Milan gives the following particulars of concessions granted for the appropriation of water power for industrial purposes:—

To Signor Durio Constantin, from the Torrent Pascone, Commune of Roccapietra, Prefecture of Novara; to Signor Bonella Ch., from the River Magra at Aulla, Prefecture of Massa Carrara; to Signor G. Pellegrino, of Boves, from the Torrent Colla at Boves, Prefecture of Cuneo; to the firm of Wildi & Co., from the River Serio at Cene, Prefecture of Bergamo; to Signors André Zironda, François Rossi, and Ange Batta, of Zugliano, from the Mondini Canal, Prefecture of Vicenza; to the Society "Contonificio Francesco Turati," of Milan, from the Dezzo Torrent of Mazzunno, Prefecture of Brescia; to the "Société de forces hydrauliques du haut Pô" at Turin, from the Torrent of Varaita, in the neighbourhood of Roure, Prefecture of Cuneo.

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**ITALY—continued.**

The "Bulletin" also announces that a company is shortly to be formed for the installation at Ravenna of a jute factory, and further, that it is proposed to establish new works at Gemona for the production of nitric acid and nitrates for agricultural purposes, utilising the hydraulic power still obtainable from the River Tagliamento.

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**ROUMANIA.**

The "Nachrichten für Handel und Industrie" of 19th September contains a notice to the effect that the Roumanian Government have determined upon a grant of 7 million lei (280,000*l.*) for the continuation of the harbour works at Constantza. the construction of petroleum reservoirs and the amplification of the railway system of Roumania.

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**OTTOMAN EMPIRE.**

According to a report published by the "Frankfurter Zeitung" of 28th September the sum of 20 million francs is to be expended upon works connected with the irrigation of Anatolia, in the district of Konia. It appears that the water will be drawn from the Beyschehir Lake, which lies some 100 kilometres west of Konia. Two watercourses which at present carry off the overflow of the above-named lake will be canalised for a distance of 175 kilometres and two canals will be constructed, one of 30 kilometres in length over the marshy depression Karawiran and the other of 20 kilometres length to join the above-mentioned watercourses in the Balikowa Pass. Besides these works the construction of three large reservoirs, an aqueduct and numerous smaller canals for distributing the water will, according to the informant of the "Frankfurter," be undertaken.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The British Commercial Agent in New York (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) has received an application from a firm in Philadelphia, Pa., who export all grades of hard woods and pine for the furniture trade, and who wish to get into communication with reliable British importers.

Communications from British firms relative to the above should be addressed to the British Commercial Agent, British Consulate-General, New York.

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**CHILE.**

With reference to the notice on p. 59 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 11th July respecting a call for **Railway Bridges.** tenders for the construction of five railway bridges in Chile, the "Diario Oficial" of 24th August contains a copy of a decree announcing the extension up to 31st December of the period during which tenders will be received.

The "Diario Oficial" of 28th August contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited to supply the **Woollen Blankets.** Chilean Navy with eight thousand woollen blankets, to be delivered during the year 1908, according to patterns, &c., which can be seen in the "Dirección del Material," Santiago. Tenders must be sent in before the 29th November.

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**URUGUAY.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Uruguay of 4th September contains a copy of a decree authorising the Administration of the Ferrocarril Central (Extension **Railway Construction.** Oeste) to construct a Decauville line between the existing rails from kilometre 238 to kilometre 243 on the "La Colonia" branch to facilitate the transport of stone from the quarries to the quay on the property of Señor Ferrando.

The "Diario" of 6th September contains a copy of a decree authorising the "Oficina Hidrográfica" to **Harbour Works.** contract with Señor Mariano Aguirre for the carrying out of works connected with the improvement of the harbour of Nueva Palmira.

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**CHINA.**

The Acting Commercial Attaché to H.M. Legation at Peking (Sir Alexander Hosie) reports that the imports of **Medicines.** medicines into China rose in value from 287,081*l.* in 1905 to 351,736*l.* in 1906, an increase of nearly 80 per cent. compared with the average import of the previous five years. Hong-Kong always appears as the chief exporter of medicines to China, but it is impossible to distinguish between native and foreign medicines imported, for the mere fact of coming from Hong-Kong gives them a foreign status; but if that colony be eliminated altogether it will be found that Japan heads the list. In 1905 the value of Japanese medicines sent direct to China was 24,976*l.* against the United Kingdom's 23,848*l.* Germany came next with 7,777*l.*, and the United States with 4,485*l.*

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**CHINA—continued.**

The Japanese are very keen competitors in this branch of business; they make up their medicines in small doses so as to be within the purchasing capacity of the poorest, and each little packet or bottle is carefully labelled with the name of the medicine and the cures it will effect.

Sir A. Hosie also reports that the import of clothing, including hats, &c., in 1906 was valued at 205,350*l.* as compared with 165,237*l.* in 1905. There was a slight increase in indiarubber boots and shoes (624,969 to 637,287 pairs) and a corresponding increase in value; while leather and other materials for boots and shoes rose in value from 31,366*l.* to 40,170*l.*

There is also a good demand for foreign ribbons, the imports of which in 1906 were valued at 200,005*l.*, as compared with 97,204*l.* in 1905 (gold values).

**Silk and Cotton Ribbons.**

H.M. Consul-General at Yunnan-fu (Mr. W. H. Wilkinson), in a report on the trade of Mengtzu for 1906, states that although the greater part of the household stores imported there is for the use of Europeans, yet an increasing amount is coming into consumption among the Chinese. At Yunnan-fu in October, 1906, a shop was opened (it is understood as an informal agency of a French firm) for the sale of the usual miscellaneous contents of a general store.

Handbills printed in Chinese were distributed inviting attention to the stock of groceries, wines, saddlery, cigars and cigarettes, enamelled ware, perfumery, soap, photographic materials, combs, brushes, bedgear, socks, clocks and watches, glassware, locks, stationery, ribbons, silks and piece-goods. A speciality was to be made of surveying instruments and road-making tools, of chemicals and of kerosene. It is said that the firm which provided the stock gave the Chinese manager a free hand in fixing prices over and above a certain minimum, and that in consequence the goods are too costly to command a ready sale. The prospectus of this establishment, as translated above, serves to show what kinds of goods are considered likely to be saleable in Yunnan. The "surveying instruments" were intended to meet an expected demand in connexion with the scheme for an all-Chinese railway from Yunnan-fu into Ssuch'uan, a scheme at that time much discussed. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,932).

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## EXHIBITION. UNITED KINGDOM.

The Board of Trade have received copies of the prospectus of the **Franco-British International Exhibition.** Franco-British Exhibition of Science, Arts and Industries, to be held at Shepherd's Bush from May to October next year. They may be inspected by those interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Applications for space for exhibits of British origin should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, Franco-British Exhibition, 56, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

## LAW PROHIBITING THE USE OF FOREIGN PRODUCTS IN SPANISH PUBLIC WORKS.

### List of Exemptions.

With reference to the notice on p. 630 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 28th March last respecting a law prohibiting the use of foreign products in Spanish Public Works, the "Gaceta de Madrid" publishes a list of articles which are exempted from the operation of this law, and which can therefore be obtained from abroad for public works in Spain. A translation of this list may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

## FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN SEPTEMBER, 1907.\*

### I.—GENERAL.

The trade returns for September, 1907, when compared with those for the corresponding month of 1906, show increases in the value of the **Imports** into the United Kingdom, of the **Exports** of British produce, and of the **Exports** of Foreign and Colonial merchandise.

The value of the **Imports** in September, 1907, was 45,341,276*l.*, an increase of 281,441*l.*, or 0·6 per cent., as compared with September, 1906, whilst the total **Exports** amounted to 41,098,632*l.* or an increase of 5,052,716*l.* The **Exports** of British produce show an increase of 4,631,167*l.*, or 15·2 per cent., as compared with September, 1906, whilst there is an increase of 421,549*l.*, or 7·6 per cent., in the **Exports** of Foreign and Colonial merchandise.

### II.—IMPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the **Imports** for September 1907, as compared with the corresponding months of 1906 and 1905, according to the different categories of merchandise:—

\* Reference should be made to the article on "Changes in the Monthly Trade Accounts for 1907," published at pp. 279-80 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 7th February last, for information as to the changes that have been made in these accounts.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in September, 1907.***Imports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|   | Month ended 30th September. |              |              | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
|   | 1905.                       | 1906.        | 1907.        |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   |                             |              |              |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..   | £ 7,012,440                 | £ 6,340,375  | £ 7,007,224  | + 666,949  | — 5,316  |
| B. Meat, including animals for food.  | 4,216,664                   | 4,272,674    | 4,142,314    | — 130,360  | — 74,340   |
| C. Other food and drink—  |                             |              |              |  |  |
| 1. Non-dutiable ... ..  | 5,092,741                   | 5,150,442    | 4,720,749    | — 429,693  | — 371,992  |
| 2. Dutiable ... ..  | 3,971,629                   | 3,710,321    | 3,988,550    | + 278,229  | + 16,921   |
| D. Tobacco ... ..   | 381,443                     | 449,717      | 406,354      | — 43,363   | + 24,892   |
| Total, Class I. ... ..  | £ 20,674,906                | £ 12,923,429 | £ 20,265,171 | + 341,742  | — 409,735  |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles</b>   |                             |              |              |  |  |
| <b>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>   |                             |              |              |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel  | 4,737                       | 38           | 179          | + 141  | — 4,556  |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...  | 421,863                     | 458,463      | 555,391      | + 96,238   | + 133,528  |
| C. Other metallic ores ... ..   | 680,515                     | 1,012,105    | 582,480      | — 230,625  | — 98,035   |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..   | 2,910,160                   | 3,556,531    | 3,254,969    | — 303,562  | + 344,609  |
| E. Cotton ... ..  | 2,351,699                   | 1,232,728    | 1,568,336    | + 335,608  | — 783,368  |
| F. Wool ... ..  | 1,110,229                   | 1,192,004    | 1,311,077    | + 19,073   | + 100,848  |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..   | 753,632                     | 686,947      | 740,081      | + 53,134   | — 13,551   |
| H. Oil seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums ... ..   | 1,826,649                   | 2,079,815    | 2,317,500    | + 237,685  | + 490,851  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ... ..   | 688,511                     | 944,207      | 714,489      | — 229,718  | + 35,978   |
| J. Materials for paper making ... ..  | 336,675                     | 330,475      | 381,671      | + 51,196   | + 44,996   |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 1,785,084                   | 1,852,009    | 1,885,129    | + 33,120   | + 100,045  |
| Total, Class II. ... ..   | £ 12,869,754                | £ 13,148,322 | £ 13,211,302 | + 62,980   | + 341,548  |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—</b>   |                             |              |              |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..   | 698,010                     | 540,031      | 520,043      | — 19,988   | — 177,967  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures thereof ... ..   | 1,964,135                   | 2,079,285    | 2,064,311    | — 14,974   | + 100,176  |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments ... ..                                       | 285,385                     | 299,809      | 324,263      | + 24,457   | + 38,878   |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and telegraph and telephone wire) ... | 71,347                      | 94,526       | 93,147       | — 1,379  | + 21,800   |
| E. Machinery ... ..   | 301,066                     | 394,428      | 374,511      | — 19,917   | + 73,445   |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..   | 536                         | 3,473        | 2,669        | — 783  | + 2,153  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ...                                  | 159,746                     | 153,026      | 147,015      | — 6,011  | — 12,731   |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—   |                             |              |              |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ... ..  | 722,985                     | 733,952      | 751,096      | + 17,144   | + 28,111   |
| 2. Wool ... ..  | 1,040,637                   | 921,729      | 813,083      | — 108,646  | — 227,574  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..   | 1,577,383                   | 1,595,317    | 1,622,411    | + 27,094   | + 44,928   |
| I. Apparel ... ..   | 426,706                     | 353,076      | 318,591      | — 34,485   | — 108,115  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ... ..  | 720,415                     | 709,591      | 875,990      | + 166,399  | + 155,575  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves) ... ..            | 930,078                     | 908,446      | 882,967      | — 26,479   | — 47,111   |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..   | 347,418                     | 313,003      | 295,210      | — 17,793   | — 52,206   |
| M. Paper ... ..   | 452,380                     | 453,799      | 503,268      | + 49,469   | + 50,888   |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 2,280,241                   | 2,278,038    | 2,079,777    | — 198,261  | — 200,464  |
| Total, Class III. ... ..  | £ 11,978,688                | £ 11,832,525 | £ 11,968,872 | — 164,153  | — 310,316  |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) £</b>                           | 208,381                     | 155,559      | 196,431      | + 40,872   | — 6,950  |
| Total value of Imports  | £ 45,726,729                | £ 45,069,836 | £ 45,341,376 | + 281,441  | — 335,453  |

\* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

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Comparing the values of the imports of articles last month with those of September, 1906, the chief increases and decreases are as follows :—

| Increases. |            |  |         |  |
|------------|------------|--|---------|--|
|            |            | £  |         |  |
| I.         | A.         | Wheat ... ..   | 457,625 |  |
|            |            | Maize ... ..   | 181,774 |  |
|            |            | Rice, exclusive of<br>rice meal ... ..                     | 117,901 |  |
|            | B.         | Mutton, fresh ...  | 149,115 |  |
|            | C1.        | Eggs ... ..  | 87,846  |  |
|            | C2.        | Coffee, including<br>roasted or ground                     | 71,664  |  |
|            |            | Sugar, refined, and<br>sugar candy ...                     | 133,645 |  |
|            |            | Sugar, unrefined...  | 270,341 |  |
|            |            |  |         |  |
|            |            |  | £       |  |
| II.        | B.         | Iron ore ... ..  | 98,353  |  |
|            | E.         | Cotton, raw ... ..   | 339,362 |  |
|            | G.         | Flax, dressed and<br>undressed ... ..                      | 58,963  |  |
|            |            | Cotton seed ... ..   | 75,705  |  |
|            | H.         | Rape ... ..  | 100,601 |  |
|            |            | Cocoa-nut oil, un-<br>refined ... ..                       | 53,118  |  |
|            | I.         | Sheepskins, un-<br>dressed ... ..                          | 56,914  |  |
|            |            |  |         |  |
|            | Decreases. |  |         |  |
|            |            |  | £       |  |
| I.         | A.         | Oats ... ..  | 131,763 |  |
|            | B.         | Cattle, live ... ..  | 300,256 |  |
|            |            | Rabbits (dead),<br>fresh and frozen                        | 60,985  |  |
|            | C1.        | Butter ... ..  | 151,760 |  |
|            |            | Cheese ... ..  | 139,700 |  |
|            |            | Plums, raw ... ..  | 172,834 |  |
|            | C2.        | Margarine ... ..   | 55,530  |  |
|            |            | Currants ... ..  | 111,312 |  |
|            | D.         | Wine ... ..  | 79,395  |  |
|            |            | Tobacco, unmanu-<br>factured ... ..                        | 76,815  |  |
|            |            |  |         |  |
|            |            | £  |         |  |
| II.        | C.         | Silver ore ... ..  | 128,119 |  |
|            | D.         | Tin ore ... ..   | 54,637  |  |
|            |            | Wood and timber,<br>sawn or split ...                      | 354,780 |  |
|            | G.         | Jute ... ..  | 55,170  |  |
|            | H.         | Flax or linseed ...  | 69,822  |  |
|            |            | Sealskins, un-<br>dressed ... ..                           | 58,532  |  |
|            | I.         | Furs, undressed,<br>other than rabbit<br>and sealskins ... | 108,500 |  |
|            |            | Nitrate of soda<br>(cubic nitre) ...                       | 95,225  |  |
|            | K.         |  |         |  |

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz. :—

|      |     | Increase.                  |                | Decrease. |               |
|------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|
|      |     | £                          |                | ...       |               |
| I.   | A.  | Wheat ... ..               | £457,625       | ...       | 330,400 cwts. |
|      |     | Barley ... ..              | £49,879        | ...       | 387,600 "     |
|      |     | Maize ... ..               | £181,774       | ...       | 114,600 "     |
|      |     | Oatmeal ... ..             | 2,509 cwts...  | ...       | £2,970 "      |
|      | C1. | Tomatoes ... ..            | £5,412         | ...       | 13,662 cwts.  |
| II.  | D.  | Tobacco, manufactured, and |                |           |               |
|      |     | snuff ... ..               | £33,432        | ...       | 33,394 lbs.   |
|      | C.  | Copper ore ... ..          | £11,423        | ...       | 1,762 tons.   |
|      | F.  | Sheep or lambs' wool ...   | £37,905        | ...       | 676,937 lbs.  |
|      | I.  | Rabbit skins, undressed    | 458,914 number | ...       | £7,152        |
| III. | K.  | Caoutchouc ... ..          | £33,377        | ...       | 6,841 cwts.   |
|      |     | Cutlery ... ..             | £2,283         | ...       | 34 "          |
|      | C.  | Watches... ..              | 43,554 number  | ...       | £7,182        |
|      | I.  | Hats and bonnets ... ..    | £3,606         | ...       | 3,506 dozen.  |
|      | K.  | Leather ... ..             | £10,213        | ...       | 983 cwts.     |
|      | N.  | Glue, size and gelatine    | £2,601         | ...       | 1,636 "       |
|      |     | Stones, slabs, &c. ... ..  | 13,418 tons    | ...       | £6,936 "      |

### III.—EXPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the Exports of British produce for the month of September, 1907, as compared with the corresponding month of 1906 and 1905, and the increase or decrease in each principal category :—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in September, 1907.***Exports of Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom.\***

|   | Month ended 30th September. |                    |                    | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|   | 1905.                       | 1906.              | 1907.              |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   |                             |                    |                    |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..   | 230,671                     | 205,119            | 267,354            | +  | 62,235   |
| B. Meat, including animals for food ...   | 97,543                      | 131,030            | 105,685            | —  | 25,335   |
| C. Other food and drink ... ..  | 1,714,137                   | 1,717,011          | 1,853,003          | +  | 135,992  |
| D. Tobacco ... ..   | 85,081                      | 96,089             | 101,361            | +  | 15,322   |
| <b>Total, Class I. ... £</b>  | <b>2,127,432</b>            | <b>2,139,199</b>   | <b>2,327,413</b>   | <b>+</b>   | <b>188,214</b>   |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles</b>   |                             |                    |                    |  |  |
| <b>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>   |                             |                    |                    |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke and manufactured fuel ...   | 2,258,505                   | 2,685,361          | 3,770,592          | +  | 1,085,231  |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...   | 40,258                      | 50,677             | 31,130             | —  | 19,547   |
| C. Other metallic ores ... ..   | 12,137                      | 6,725              | 11,402             | +  | 4,677  |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..   | 5,703                       | 13,737             | 8,744              | —  | 4,993  |
| E. Cotton ... ..  | —                           | —                  | —                  | —  | —  |
| F. Wool ... ..  | 240,446                     | 232,000            | 384,380            | +  | 152,380  |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..   | 6,930                       | 6,234              | 9,758              | +  | 3,524  |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats and gums ... ..  | 214,785                     | 253,622            | 295,895            | +  | 42,273   |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ... ..   | 147,356                     | 147,851            | 106,609            | —  | 41,242   |
| J. Materials for paper making ... ..  | 47,217                      | 69,264             | 59,880             | —  | 9,384  |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 164,119                     | 173,164            | 173,441            | +  | 277  |
| <b>Total, Class II. ... £</b>   | <b>3,187,456</b>            | <b>3,638,625</b>   | <b>4,851,831</b>   | <b>+</b>   | <b>1,213,206</b>   |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—</b>   |                             |                    |                    |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..   | 2,785,097                   | 3,254,342          | 3,635,098          | +  | 380,756  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures thereof ... ..   | 896,133                     | 903,736            | 851,973            | —  | 51,763   |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments ... ..                                       | 427,975                     | 487,006            | 524,303            | +  | 37,297   |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and telegraph and telephone wire) ... | 122,136                     | 122,110            | 276,576            | +  | 154,466  |
| E. Machinery ... ..   | 1,866,254                   | 2,114,845          | 2,579,535          | +  | 464,690  |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..   | 1,357,823                   | 506,656            | 1,215,226          | +  | 708,570  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ... ..                               | 111,598                     | 132,751            | 133,724            | +  | 10,973   |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—   |                             |                    |                    |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ... ..  | 7,617,012                   | 7,769,702          | 8,546,610          | +  | 776,908  |
| 2. Wool ... ..  | 2,369,402                   | 2,431,751          | 2,770,449          | +  | 338,698  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..   | 1,122,503                   | 1,276,607          | 1,277,225          | +  | 618  |
| I. Apparel ... ..   | 568,783                     | 605,215            | 638,892            | +  | 33,677   |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ... ..  | 1,152,746                   | 1,186,968          | 1,227,425          | +  | 40,457   |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves) ... ..            | 537,992                     | 563,719            | 601,353            | +  | 37,634   |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..   | 262,504                     | 294,797            | 321,042            | +  | 26,245   |
| M. Paper ... ..   | 176,519                     | 173,958            | 188,307            | +  | 15,349   |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 2,267,076                   | 2,469,057          | 2,722,023          | +  | 252,966  |
| <b>Total, Class III. ... £</b>  | <b>23,641,553</b>           | <b>24,282,220</b>  | <b>27,509,761</b>  | <b>+</b>   | <b>3,227,541</b>   |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) £</b>                           | <b>444,019</b>              | <b>465,109</b>     | <b>467,315</b>     | <b>+</b>   | <b>2,206</b>   |
| <b>Total value ... ..</b>   | <b>£39,360,460</b>          | <b>£39,535,153</b> | <b>£39,156,330</b> | <b>+</b>   | <b>£4,631,167</b>  |

**Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|                    | £         | £         | £         | £ | £       |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---------|
| Total value ... .. | 5,521,237 | 5,520,763 | 5,942,312 | + | 421,549 |
|                    |           |           |           | + | 421,073 |

\* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship, and are known as the "free on board" values.

### *Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in September, 1907.*

Comparing the values of the exports of the principal and other articles of the produce and manufacture of the United Kingdom in September 1907, with those of September, 1906, the chief increases and decreases are as follows :—

|      |       | Increase.   | £         |
|------|-------|---|-----------|
| I.   | C.    | Fish ... ..   | 115,985   |
| II.  | { A.  | Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel ... ..  | 1,085,231 |
|      | { F.  | Sheep or lambs' wool ... ..   | 138,168   |
|      | { A.  | Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..  | 380,756   |
|      | { D.  | Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and telegraph and telephone wire) ... .. | 154,466   |
|      | { E.  | { Steam engines ... ..  | 60,666    |
|      |       | { Machinery and millwork : not steam engines or electrical ... ..                             | 367,722   |
|      | { F.  | Ships, new ... ..   | 708,570   |
| III. | {     | Cotton yarn ... ..  | 372,109   |
|      | { H.1 | { " piece-goods ... ..  | 262,163   |
|      |       | { " thread, for sewing ... ..   | 71,700    |
|      |       | { Worsted yarn ... ..   | 58,323    |
|      | { H.2 | { Woollen tissues ... ..  | 86,124    |
|      |       | { Worsted tissues ... ..  | 87,429    |
|      | { N.  | Railway trucks, wagons, &c. (not of iron) and parts thereof ... ..                            | 151,119   |

|      |    | Decrease.                                   | £       |
|------|----|---|---------|
| III. | N. | Arms, ammunition and military stores ... .. | 140,094 |

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versâ*, may be noted, viz. :—

|      |       | Increase.   | Decrease.       |
|------|-------|---|-----------------|
| I.   | { B.  | Meat ... .. £1,352 ...                                      | 1,599 cwts.     |
|      | { C.  | { Biscuits and cakes ... .. 2,460 cwts. ...                 | £4,053          |
|      |       | { Olive oil, refined ... .. £1,662 ...                      | 2 tons.         |
| II.  | { H.  | Spirits, British and Irish ... .. 12,060 pf. gals. ...      | £2,197          |
|      | { B.  | Seed, oil ... .. £4,966 ...                                 | 171 tons.       |
|      | { B.  | Copper, unwrought and wrought ... .. £17,602 ...            | 261 "           |
|      | { C.  | Hardware ... .. £5,418 ...                                  | 1,562 cwts.     |
| III. | { H.1 | Cotton piece-goods ... .. £262,163 ...                      | 10,676,100 yds. |
|      | { J.  | Soda compounds ... .. £11,949 ...                           | 77,450 cwts.    |
|      | { L.  | { Chinaware or porcelain and earthenware ... .. £20,275 ... | 15,032 "        |
|      |       | { Flint glass ... .. 153 cwts. ...                          | £1,877          |
|      | { N.  | Firearms, small ... .. £2,694 ...                           | 655 number.     |

### IV.—TRADE DURING THE NINE MONTHS, JANUARY-SEPT.

The following table shows the value of the Imports of foreign and colonial merchandise during the nine months ended 30th September, 1907, as compared with the corresponding periods for 1906 and 1905 :—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in September, 1907.***Imports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|   | Nine months ended<br>30th September. |                    |                    | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|   | 1905.                                | 1906.              | 1907.              |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   |                                      |                    |                    |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ...  | £ 52,350,886                         | 52,355,185         | 53,777,859         | + 1,422,664  | + 1,426,974  |
| B. Meat, including animals for food ...   | 36,637,377                           | 39,723,505         | 39,960,585         | + 223,080  | + 3,093,508  |
| C. Other food and drink—  |                                      |                    |                    |  |  |
| 1. Non-dutiable ...   | 45,471,566                           | 50,704,874         | 49,721,479         | — 983,395  | + 4,249,913  |
| 2. Dutiable ...   | 32,629,899                           | 31,124,683         | 33,633,108         | + 2,508,425  | + 1,010,709  |
| D. Tobacco ...  | 2,699,688                            | 3,260,564          | 2,759,746          | — 503,898  | + 60,058   |
| <b>Total, Class I. ...</b>  | <b>£ 170,001,815</b>                 | <b>177,172,810</b> | <b>179,842,777</b> | <b>+ 2,669,967</b>   | <b>+ 9,840,962</b>   |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles<br/>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>                                      |                                      |                    |                    |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke and manufactured fuel ...   | 27,340                               | 29,102             | 19,534             | — 9,578  | — 7,816  |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...   | 4,100,555                            | 5,125,141          | 5,771,993          | + 646,854  | + 1,671,440  |
| C. Other metallic ores ...  | 5,677,732                            | 6,627,760          | 7,794,317          | + 1,166,557  | + 2,116,585  |
| D. Wood and timber ...  | 17,268,968                           | 20,188,863         | 19,653,780         | — 535,083  | + 2,384,814  |
| E. Cotton ...   | 33,036,331                           | 32,151,001         | 47,459,922         | + 15,308,921   | + 14,423,591   |
| F. Wool ...   | 20,700,487                           | 24,826,302         | 28,682,939         | + 3,856,137  | + 7,961,952  |
| G. Other textile materials ...  | 9,465,370                            | 10,199,735         | 13,425,948         | + 3,226,213  | + 3,940,378  |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and<br>gums ...   | 17,529,429                           | 19,312,689         | 23,501,296         | + 4,288,609  | + 5,971,869  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ...  | 5,815,303                            | 8,135,103          | 8,076,836          | — 58,267   | + 2,258,533  |
| J. Materials for paper making ...   | 2,765,007                            | 2,869,034          | 3,034,800          | + 161,766  | + 264,793  |
| K. Miscellaneous ...  | 16,352,862                           | 17,774,656         | 19,412,708         | + 1,638,052  | + 3,059,846  |
| <b>Total, Class II. ...</b>   | <b>£ 132,763,582</b>                 | <b>147,139,386</b> | <b>176,809,567</b> | <b>+ 29,670,181</b>  | <b>+ 44,045,985</b>  |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly<br/>Manufactured—</b>   |                                      |                    |                    |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures<br>thereof ...   | 6,033,260                            | 6,565,980          | 5,035,812          | — 1,530,168  | — 997,448  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures<br>thereof ...   | 15,718,872                           | 20,229,683         | 22,227,207         | + 1,997,524  | + 6,508,335  |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements<br>and instruments ...   | 2,533,483                            | 2,702,010          | 2,873,886          | + 171,876  | + 340,403  |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus<br>(other than machinery and tele-<br>graph and telephone wire) ... | 721,451                              | 864,366            | 937,583            | + 73,167   | + 216,082  |
| E. Machinery ...  | 3,469,453                            | 3,939,644          | 4,081,009          | + 141,365  | + 611,556  |
| F. Ships (new) ...  | 15,681                               | 19,964             | 23,440             | + 5,476  | + 9,759  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and tim-<br>ber (including furniture) ...                                     | 1,458,064                            | 1,536,272          | 1,420,660          | — 115,612  | — 37,404   |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—   |                                      |                    |                    |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ...   | 5,928,448                            | 7,179,572          | 7,267,616          | + 88,044   | + 1,359,168  |
| 2. Wool ...   | 9,613,215                            | 9,498,904          | 8,887,570          | — 1,111,334  | — 1,225,645  |
| 3. Other materials ...  | 14,701,274                           | 15,358,946         | 16,230,833         | + 871,887  | + 1,529,559  |
| I. Apparel ...  | 5,031,067                            | 2,911,611          | 2,832,797          | — 78,814   | — 196,290  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and<br>colours ...  | 7,218,943                            | 7,465,266          | 8,636,880          | + 1,171,614  | + 1,417,937  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof<br>(including boots and shoes, and<br>gloves) ...                 | 8,012,527                            | 9,479,154          | 8,398,371          | — 1,080,783  | + 385,844  |
| L. Earthenware and glass ...  | 3,050,130                            | 3,117,726          | 2,955,147          | — 162,579  | — 94,985   |
| M. Paper ...  | 3,811,065                            | 4,268,241          | 4,118,833          | — 149,408  | + 307,765  |
| N. Miscellaneous ...  | 20,621,813                           | 21,721,598         | 21,253,926         | — 467,672  | + 632,613  |
| <b>Total, Class III. ...</b>  | <b>£ 105,938,366</b>                 | <b>116,858,937</b> | <b>116,683,520</b> | <b>— 175,417</b>   | <b>+ 10,745,264</b>  |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi-<br/>    fied (including Parcel Post) ...</b>                       | <b>1,693,985</b>                     | <b>1,844,622</b>   | <b>1,808,974</b>   | <b>— 35,648</b>  | <b>+ 114,969</b>   |
| <b>Total ...</b>  | <b>£ 410,397,648</b>                 | <b>443,015,756</b> | <b>476,144,838</b> | <b>+ 33,129,083</b>  | <b>+ 64,747,190</b>  |

\* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

The value of the Exports of home produce, also of foreign and colonial produce, during the nine months ended 30th September, 1907, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1906 and 1905, is as shown in the following table:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in September, 1907.***Exports of Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom.\***

|   | Nine Months ended<br>30th September. |             |             | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
|   | 1905.                                | 1906.       | 1907.       |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   |                                      |             |             |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..   | 2,033,448                            | 1,855,731   | 2,243,825   | + 388,094  | + 210,377  |
| B. Meat, including animals for food.  | 598,565                              | 933,521     | 962,495     | + 8,974  | + 363,930  |
| C. Other food and drink ... ..  | 10,104,237                           | 11,123,178  | 11,968,937  | + 845,759  | + 1,864,700  |
| D. Tobacco ... ..   | 724,426                              | 766,066     | 903,314     | + 137,248  | + 178,888  |
| Total, Class I. ... ..  | £ 13,460,676                         | 14,698,496  | 16,078,571  | + 1,380,075  | + 2,617,895  |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles</b>   |                                      |             |             |  |  |
| <b>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>   |                                      |             |             |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel  | 19,404,843                           | 23,417,878  | 30,352,258  | + 6,934,375  | + 10,947,410   |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...  | 359,545                              | 421,611     | 480,409     | + 58,798   | + 120,864  |
| C. Other metallic ores... ..  | 89,603                               | 115,343     | 154,738     | + 39,393   | + 65,135   |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..   | 57,387                               | 72,121      | 85,039      | + 12,918   | + 27,652   |
| E. Cotton ... ..  | —                                    | —           | —           | —  | —  |
| F. Wool ... ..  | 1,808,278                            | 2,044,807   | 2,548,714   | + 503,907  | + 740,436  |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..   | 122,747                              | 134,673     | 176,441     | + 41,766   | + 53,694   |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and<br>gums ... ..  | 1,867,177                            | 2,037,224   | 2,451,029   | + 413,805  | + 583,852  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ... ..   | 1,359,760                            | 1,694,466   | 1,443,093   | — 251,373  | + 83,333   |
| J. Materials for paper making ... ..  | 401,943                              | 527,340     | 590,915     | + 63,575   | + 188,972  |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 1,380,099                            | 1,469,502   | 1,937,352   | + 467,850  | + 557,253  |
| Total, Class II. ... ..   | £ 26,851,382                         | 31,934,969  | 40,219,983  | + 8,285,014  | + 13,368,601   |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly<br/>Manufactured—</b>   |                                      |             |             |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..  | 23,256,759                           | 28,755,634  | 35,623,319  | + 6,867,685  | + 12,366,560   |
| B. Other metals and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..  | 6,389,221                            | 7,256,535   | 9,238,573   | + 1,982,038  | + 2,849,352  |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements<br>and instruments ... ..  | 3,708,322                            | 4,317,693   | 4,782,057   | + 464,364  | + 1,073,735  |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus<br>(other than machinery and tele-<br>graph and telephone wire) ... | 1,797,137                            | 1,936,790   | 1,703,030   | — 233,760  | — 94,107   |
| E. Machinery ... ..   | 16,883,904                           | 19,497,196  | 23,113,859  | + 3,616,663  | + 6,229,955  |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..   | 4,421,533                            | 7,381,681   | 8,229,390   | + 847,709  | + 3,807,857  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and<br>timber (including furniture) ...                                       | 868,326                              | 921,726     | 896,451     | + 74,735   | + 128,125  |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—   |                                      |             |             |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ... ..  | 67,976,878                           | 74,578,634  | 82,595,263  | + 8,016,629  | + 14,618,387   |
| 2. Wool ... ..  | 22,088,296                           | 24,520,740  | 26,672,935  | + 2,152,195  | + 4,584,639  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..   | 9,663,367                            | 10,838,106  | 12,558,834  | + 1,700,728  | + 2,895,467  |
| I. Apparel ... ..   | 4,488,794                            | 5,193,886   | 5,560,341   | + 367,255  | + 1,071,547  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and<br>colours ... ..   | 10,867,061                           | 11,554,358  | 12,958,226  | + 1,403,868  | + 2,091,165  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof<br>(including boots and shoes and<br>gloves) ... ..               | 4,047,222                            | 4,566,917   | 4,954,832   | + 387,915  | + 907,610  |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..   | 2,338,915                            | 2,674,809   | 2,994,819   | + 321,010  | + 658,904  |
| M. Paper ... ..   | 1,451,190                            | 1,524,497   | 1,746,302   | + 221,805  | + 295,112  |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 18,404,463                           | 21,864,395  | 24,721,992  | + 2,857,597  | + 6,317,529  |
| Total, Class III. ... ..  | £ 198,651,386                        | 227,402,797 | 258,451,223 | + 31,048,426   | + 59,799,837   |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi-<br/>fied (including Parcel Post) £</b>                             |                                      |             |             |  |  |
|   | 3,432,124                            | 4,017,983   | 4,531,387   | + 513,404  | + 1,099,263  |
| Total ... ..  | £ 242,395,546                        | 278,064,245 | 319,381,164 | + 41,226,919   | + 76,885,586   |

**Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|                    | £          | £          | £          | £           | £            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Total value ... .. | 57,776,644 | 62,923,110 | 72,247,060 | + 9,323,950 | + 14,470,416 |

\* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship and are known as the "free on board" values.

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**V.—SHIPPING IN SEPTEMBER, 1907.**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during September, 1907, amounted to 3,583,318 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 4,801,021 tons, as against 3,604,568 tons entered, and 4,564,172 tons cleared during September, 1906. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during September, 1907, amounted to 2,640,419 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 2,597,914 tons, as against 2,779,729 tons entered, and 2,707,688 tons cleared in September, 1906.

**VI.—NINE MONTHS' SHIPPING (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER).**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during the nine months ended 30th September, 1907, amounted to 30,796,832 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 42,770,752 tons, as against 31,255,112 tons entered and 40,401,908 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1906. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during the nine months ended 30th September, 1907, amounted to 23,450,599 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 23,149,410 tons, as against 24,600,628 tons entered and 24,233,374 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1906.

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**COTTON MILLS IN CHINA.**

The following information respecting the cotton spinning industry in China has been received from the Acting Commercial Attaché to H.M. Legation at Peking (Sir Alexander Hosie):—

“There are now twenty-seven cotton spinning power mills in China, to which may be added the mill in Hong-Kong, also engaged in turning out yarn for the China market. The mills originally started in Shanghai, which at present boasts of 12, had many obstacles to contend with at the start and for several years after, such as labour difficulties, cotton cornering and cotton watering: losses were sustained, and in several cases capital had to be written down. The years 1903 and 1904 were the worst since 1900, but 1905 and 1906 were good average years: cotton was cheaper and the mills were kept running night and day. Chinese cotton is whiter than Indian, and the product of the Shanghai mill is superior in colour and cleanness to either Japanese or Indian yarn, but being shorter in staple it is not so strong nor is it so well reeled owing to the low class of labour employed in this department, and I have been informed by a mill manager that no amount of supervision can obtain what may be considered high-class work. Taking Chinese labour as a whole, however, it may be considered as good as either Japanese or Indian, and when the difference in the quality of the cotton is considered it is relatively as cheap.

“The number of spindles in these 28 mills is approximately 750,000, and the production per spindle working day and night

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is from 11 to 13 oz., according to counts, which are 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's. With 12 oz. as the average, these 750,000 spindles are capable of a daily output of 562,500 lb., and on the assumption that work is carried on 320 days of the year, the annual output would be 180,000,000 lb. of yarn, a quantity equal to more than half the foreign import. What becomes of this yarn? The great bulk of it finds its way into the country round Shanghai and becomes the warp of Chinese cloth woven on hand looms, which is exported in enormous quantities under the name of nankeens to Northern China, but especially Manchuria, principally by junk. The block in Manchuria in 1904-05 reacted on Shanghai, where the stocks at the close of 1906 amounted to 27,666,000 lb. against 2,665,600 lb. in 1903, 6,873,970 lb. in 1904 and 5,804,433 lb. in 1905. Were we to assume that all the foreign yarn imported into China as well as the product of the mills in China and Hong-Kong is manufactured into cloth with native spun weft—which is not the case—the weight of the latter might approximately be estimated at 518,829,600 lb. or 231,620 tons, and if to this be added the export from China in 1906 of 769,542 piculs or 45,806 tons and the large but unknown quantity used for wadding, it is not unlikely that the production of cotton in China would approximate, if not exceed, the estimate of 300,000 tons mentioned in my report for 1905. There was an import of raw cotton into China in 1906 of 6,047,600 lb. against 12,078,667 lb. in 1905.

"The province of Ssuchuan, which is not well suited by soil for the cultivation of cotton and produces only a limited quantity, is the greatest consumer of imported yarn. It took 51,555,867 lb. in addition to 36,844,533 lb. of raw cotton from the central provinces. The latter quantity, although mentioned by the Commissioner of Customs at Ichang in his report, does not appear in the Customs returns; it passed through Ichang by junk.

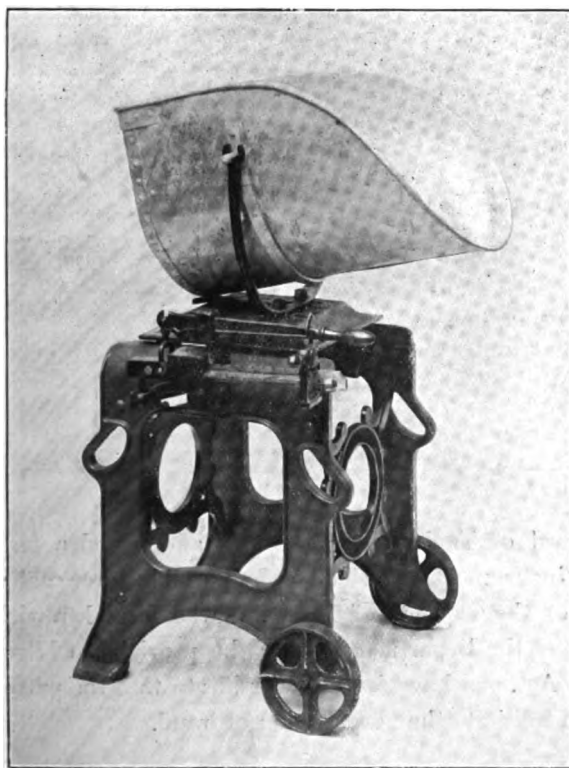
"The price of raw cotton in 1906 ranged in December from 16.50 to 18.20 Shanghai taels according to quality, the best being produced at Tungchow and T'ai-ts'ang on the north and south banks of the estuary of the Yangtze.

"Although the great bulk of imported yarn is made into cloth with home-grown cotton, a certain but measureless quantity is manufactured solely from foreign twist. I visited several establishments at Shanghai where British and Japanese yarns were respectively being used as warp and weft in the weaving of coloured fancy-patterned cloth. The yarn was dyed on the premises, and at the time of my visit natural indigo and synthetic reds were being employed. In one of these factories there were 80 hand looms of Japanese pattern, and it was interesting to watch the women at the looms. There was no idling to look at the foreign intruder, for they were engaged on piecework at the rate of 7 cash per foot. A woman could turn out 40 Chinese feet of cloth per day of 12 hours, the length of a piece being 50 Chinese feet, with a width of 27 inches, and the Chinese manager told me that on occasions a whole piece might be woven in a day, but that it was an exception. Men were employed to arrange and fix the warps on the looms."

## NOTICES UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1904.

The following are copies of Notices (Nos. 54, 55 and 56) giving the results of the examination and testing of certain kinds of weighing instruments for use in trade that have been submitted to the Board of Trade under the provisions of Section 6 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904 :—

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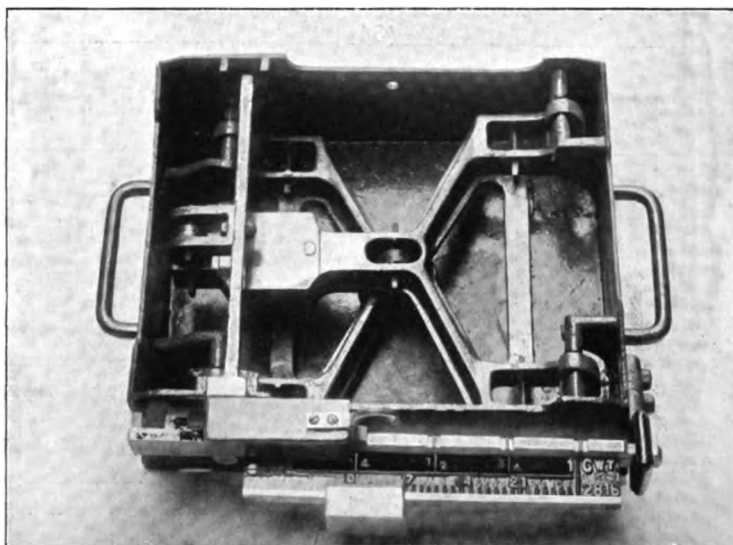
The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a lever coal weighing machine, of the capacity of 1 cwt., of the form herewith shown, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, and have issued a certificate that the pattern is not such as to facilitate the perpetration of fraud.

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*Notices under the Weights and Measures Act, 1904.*

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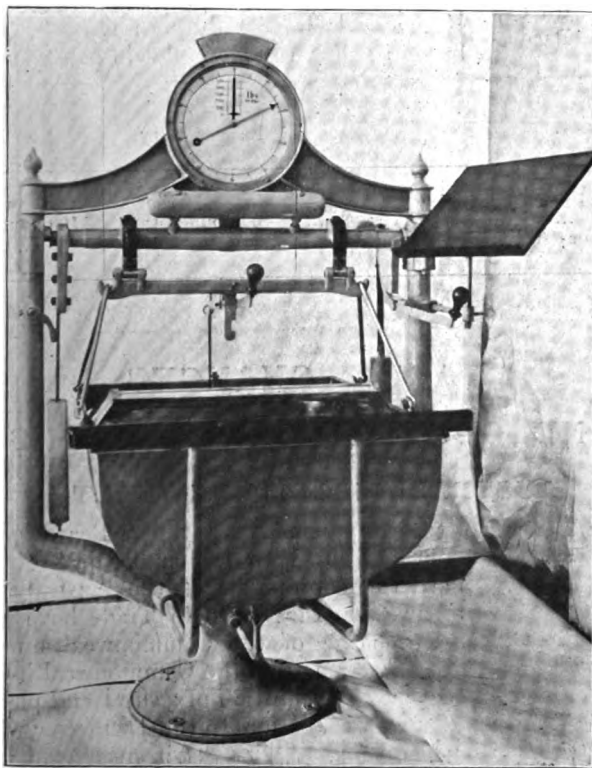
The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a weighing instrument described as a portable lever coal weighing machine of the capacity of 1 cwt., of the form herewith shown, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, and have issued a certificate that the pattern is not such as to facilitate the perpetration of fraud.

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The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a weighing instrument known as the "Sinus" milk weigher, of the capacity of 500 lb., of the form herewith shown, submitted to the Department under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act, but as the result of the examination was not satisfactory, the Board have declined to issue a certificate of approval.

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## PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

### NETHERLANDS.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Bill which has recently been submitted to the Dutch Legislature by the Minister of Finance proposing to reduce the Netherlands import duty on mutton, pork and bacon as shown in the following statement :—

|                          | Present<br>Rate of Duty. | Proposed<br>New Rate. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mutton, pork and bacon : | Florins.                 | Florins.              |
| Salted ... ..            | 100 pounds 1·00          | 100 pounds 0·75       |
| Smoked or dried... ..    | „ 1·25                   | „ 1·00                |

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

With reference to the Supplement to the “ Board of Trade Journal ” for 19th September last giving the new Tariff proposals of the Australian Commonwealth, the Board of Trade have received, through the Officer in charge of the Commonwealth offices in London, a copy of a cablegram from the Commonwealth Customs Department notifying that the definition of “ sheet and plate metal and glass ” given in the introduction to the Tariff (for which see p. 3 of the above “ Supplement ”) has been suspended, pending cancellation in the House.

It is further stated that “ plate and sheet iron ” are now regarded as identical, and also that item 250 B relating to sheet glass is to be interpreted to mean “ plain clear sheet glass ” only.

The Board of Trade have also received a copy of a further cablegram notifying the following Customs decisions :—

The value of tanks and casks containing *ad valorem* goods, duty 5 per cent., is not now to be included in f.o.b. value, but charged on tanks and casks, full or empty, according to items 160, 321 or 322. Casks, which are absolutely valueless as casks, when empty, are charged no specific duty, but included in the value for *ad valorem* duty.

The duty on “ medicinal preparations containing opium ” is charged under item 293 at 30s. per lb., or under item 291 at 15 per cent. *ad valorem*, whichever is the higher duty. In cases of

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spirituous preparations where the quantity of opium is small, the duty is charged under item 293 or item 8 (14s. per proof gallon), whichever yields the most duty.

The capacity of bottles (items 259 and 260) is taken to be the contents when corked. Glass tube containers under one drachm, and containers sealed by fusing glass are not considered bottles under the above items.

The following decisions are also given :—

| Articles.   | Item in Tariff. | General Tariff.                 | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Manganese steel ... ..  | 164C            | 30 % <i>ad val.</i>             | 25 % <i>ad val.</i>   |
| Watches and all materials ... ..  | 337             | 30 % "                          | 20 % "  |
| Umbrella sticks and handles—<br>Invoiced at 7s. 6d. or less each ... ..                                     | —               | Free.                           | Free.   |
| Over that price ... ..  | —               | Dutiable according to material. |   |
| The following articles were inadvertently omitted from the free list in the Tariff —                        |                 |                                 |   |
| * Machinery, not including motive power, engine combinations or power connections, viz.—                    |                 |                                 |   |
| Garment drafting machines ... ..  |                 |                                 |   |
| Jewellers' polishing lathes ... ..  |                 |                                 |   |
| Knitting, linotype, monotype, monoline and other type-composing machines ... ..                             |                 | Free.                           | Free.   |
| Printing machines and presses ... ..  |                 |                                 |   |
| Machinery used exclusively for and in the actual process of electrotyping and stereotyping aluminium ... .. |                 |                                 |   |
| Rotary graining machines ... ..   |                 |                                 |   |

\* The machines may be delivered free of duty on importers giving written undertaking to pay duty if called upon, pending decision of Parliament.

The Board of Trade have also received, through the Officer-in-charge of the Commonwealth offices in London, a notification from the Commonwealth Comptroller of Customs, stating that Division I. (ale, spirits and beverages) of the new tariff proposals has been passed without amendment, and that wood, naphtha, and methylic alcohol have been added to the free list.

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 10th September last contains a copy of a Customs Notice (No. 53) dated 6th September last, giving Customs decisions relating to the rates of duty leviable

**Customs  
Decisions.**

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### SOUTH AFRICA—*continued.*

on the undermentioned articles imported into the South African Customs Union :—

| Articles, and how classed.   | Tariff No. | Rates of Duty.      | Rebate allowed upon Goods, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and reciprocating Colonies. |
|--|------------|---------------------|---|
| Handbooks (published by Hobbies, Ltd.)   | 138        | Free                | —   |
| Paper, wiping off, used in connexion with the embossing of envelopes and letter paper ... .. | 175        | 15 % <i>ad val.</i> | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| Wedding cards, embossed, but otherwise blank ... ..  | 43b        | 25 % „              | 3 % „   |

#### • GRENADA.

An Order-in-Council, which was approved by the Legislative Council on 31st May last, has been received, providing for the free importation of the under-mentioned articles into Grenada :—

**Free Importation of Official Uniforms, &c.**

“ Official uniforms, accoutrements, and equipments imported with the consent of the Governor, for official use by officers and men in H.M. naval, military, civil, or volunteer services.”

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A recent circular of the United States Treasury Department states that the Department is advised by the Attorney-General that materials brought in from the Philippine Islands on which duty has been paid under the Philippine Revenue Act are to be regarded as “ imported materials ” within the meaning of Section 30 of the Tariff Act of 1897, although not brought in from a foreign country. Drawback will therefore be allowed upon the subsequent exportation to a foreign country of the articles manufactured from such materials in accordance with the provisions of the Section in question.

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington :—

**Customs Decisions.**

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| Articles.   | Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable. | Rate of Duty.  |
|---|---|--|
| <i>Necklaces</i> composed of amber beads permanently strung, having no metal parts attached thereto, dutiable as articles composed of beads... ..   | 408   | 60 % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| <i>Hatpins</i> with faceted heads, the faceting being done by cutting or grinding, dutiable as articles of glass, cut... ..   | 100   | 60 % "   |
| <i>Side and back combs</i> mounted with precious metal or base metal plated with gold or silver, with or without imitation precious stone settings, dutiable as jewellery... ..   | 434   | 60 % "   |
| <i>Cadmium sulphide</i> , produced by passing sulphur-<br>etted hydrogen gas through a solution of cad-<br>mium sulphate, dutiable as a pigment or colour... ..   | 58  | 30 % "   |
| <i>Stereoscopic photographs on glass</i> , dutiable as<br>manufactures of glass not specially provided<br>for... ..   | 112   | 45 % "   |
| <i>Vegetable ivory rims</i> for use in the manufacture<br>of "ivory-rim" buttons, so designated in<br>trade and commerce for twenty-five years,<br>dutiable as parts of buttons at the same rate<br>as finished buttons... .. | 414   | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \text{ cent per} \\ \text{line per gross} \\ \text{and 15 \%} \\ \text{ad val.} \end{array} \right.$ |
| <i>Pickers composed of raw hide and metal</i> , raw<br>hide being the component material of chief<br>value, dutiable as manufactures in part of<br>metal... ..  | 193   |  |

**PERU.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of translations of three Decrees dated 31st July, issued by the President of the Peruvian Republic, introducing certain reforms in the treatment of goods arriving at the principal ports of Peru. The new regulations were to come into force on 1st October.

**New Customs Regulations.**

The new regulations provide that merchandise disembarked in the ports of Callao, Mollendo, and Payta, immediately on being discharged, will be put in the provisional warehouses provided at each of the Customs-houses named. Cereals and explosives are excepted and will continue to be sent to their special warehouses, and packages which cannot easily be moved and cargoes in bulk, such as lumber, coal, &c., will remain where discharged until despatched. The examination, appraisement and calculation of import duty are to be made within eight days of the entry of the merchandise in the provisional warehouses. All imported merchandise not intended for immediate re-shipment or consumption must be deposited after the duties have been determined in the warehouses which are to be established in the three ports named, managed by

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companies and administered for the account of the State. The length of time during which merchandise may be deposited in the warehouses in Callao is limited to three years, and in Mollendo and Payta to two years.

The warehouse rent is as follows:—

*Merchandise subject to duty—*

For the first month, or fraction thereof ... .. 1 per cent. of the net amount of duty.

For each subsequent month ... ..  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

Jewellery and treasure ... ..  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the declared value.

*Merchandise free of duty—*

For the first month or fraction thereof ... .. 5 cents per 100 kilogs.

For each subsequent month ... .. 3 cents per 100 kilogs.

The company in charge of the warehouse will issue receipts showing date of entry, class of goods, duties leviable, &c., and to each receipt will be attached a "warrant," if so desired by the owner of the goods, containing the same details as the receipt. These "warrants" will serve for obtaining advances on the goods, on equal conditions and subject to the same procedure as other documents guaranteed by mercantile securities.

A copy of the translation of the Regulations may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The following recent Customs Decisions of the Argentine Tribunal of Appraisers have been notified to the Board of Trade by the British Consul at Buenos Ayres:—

| Articles.  | Tariff No.<br>under which<br>dutiable. | Rate<br>of<br>Duty.              |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Embroidered veiling of silk in the form of boleros<br>for application to blouses... ..                               | 2089                                   | Dols.<br>(Gold)<br>Kilog. 8-00   |
| Mixture of mineral and animal oils ... ..  | —                                      | 25 %<br>on the<br>declared value |
| "Imperial Green" paint, not containing copper... ..  | 3227                                   | Kilog. 0-075                     |
| Apparatus for button-hole punching, used on the<br>counters of boot shops, in boot - blacking<br>saloons, &c. ... .. | —                                      | 25 %<br>on the<br>declared value |

## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The Board of Trade have received from their correspondent at Adelaide (Mr. J. Cresswell) particulars of the wharfage rates and tonnage dues payable at the wharfs at Port Adelaide which came into operation on 1st September last. These may be consulted by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

H.M. Embassy at Washington have forwarded the text of the vermin regulations imposed by the Public Health Service of San Francisco on coast-wise shipping clearing from that port. These regulations, which appear to be applicable not only to shipping bound to other United States ports but also to shipping for Canadian, Mexican and Hawaiian ports, may be seen by those interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

The following figures, showing the gold production of the different States of the Australian Commonwealth and of New Zealand for the first half of the present year, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, have been taken from the "Queensland Government Mining Journal":—

|                 |     |     |     |     |     |     | First Six Months. |           |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|-----------|
|                 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1906.             | 1907.     |
|                 |     |     |     |     |     |     | Fine oz.          | Fine oz.  |
| West Australia  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 904,864           | 838,253   |
| Victoria        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 381,681           | 336,110   |
| Queensland      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 251,978           | 227,077   |
| New South Wales | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 133,150           | 138,489   |
| New Zealand     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 252,001           | 213,043   |
| Total           |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1,923,674         | 1,752,972 |

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**QUEENSLAND.**

According to the "Queensland Government Mining Journal" a well-known prospector in North Queensland has lately written to the Under-Secretary for Mines from the Alice River to the effect that he had recently discovered a very large antimony lode, traceable on the surface for a long distance. Since then he had found no less than ten other antimony lodes, all within a mile and a-half of the prospecting claim. When he was leaving he discovered still another lode—a very large one—two miles north-east of the prospecting claim. The ore on the surface, he states, was stibnite, and in places oxide of antimony, but on sinking a little on the lodes the sulphide ore always came in. He sent to Sydney 21 cwt. of ore, three-fourths of which was oxide. The find is 18 miles nearer the Laura than the Alice Goldfield, and the cost of packing to the former place is 5*l.* per ton. Railage thence to Cooktown is 9*s.* 6*d.* per ton, but for under 5 tons in quantity 1*l.* per ton. He was convinced that this was one of the largest finds of antimony Australia has yet seen.

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**NORWAY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) reports that there would appear to be a considerable increase in mining activity in the district of the Lofoten Islands. About 150 men are said to be now engaged at the Kalfjord iron mines, which are in English hands. Steam boilers, winches and pumps are reported to have been ordered by the owners from Great Britain and 10,500 tons of iron ore shipped during the summer.

The Madmoderen iron mines are in Austrian hands and are now said to employ over 300 persons.

Other trial sinkings for iron, under German auspices, are being made in the district and also on Hammers Island for felspar.

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**BELGIUM.**

The Board of Trade have been notified by the Foreign Office that in the report on the coal mining industry in Belgium recently published by the Foreign Office (*Miscellaneous Series, No. 664*), the word "prevent" on p. 9, line 36, should be "present": the sentence should read—"relighters in the lamps do not *present* any special danger."

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**SPAIN.**

**H.M. Consul at Bilbao** (Mr. A. Maclean) reports with regard to the iron ore trade of that district that stocks on deposit are decreasing, and as a great scarcity of labour is noted, it is to be feared that, if demand keeps steady, the mines will, during the coming winter, be working from hand-to-mouth and so cause delay to shipping. Longer "turns" are already noticed.

The scarcity of labour referred to is attributed to the extensive emigration to Panama and South America—principally to Chile, where free passages have been granted—and it has already caused an increase in the average wage of 25 centimes per day, though in some mines competition has led to an extra 50 centimes being paid.

As regards iron and steel, Mr. Maclean states that during August two British steamers loaded at Bilbao 2,530 tons of steel bars and ingots, 500 tons of which went to Manchester, and the remainder to Newport, Mon. Some 2,700 tons of pig-iron were shipped to Stockton by a British vessel. It is not yet known whether other quantities of these semi-manufactured products have been shipped by foreign vessels to the United Kingdom. Local iron and steel works are well supplied with orders, and the company owning the Altos Hornos and Vizcaya expect to pay a dividend for the present year of at least 12 per cent.

**ITALY.**

In response to enquiries on the subject, H.M. Consul at Rome (Mr. C. C. Morgan) reports that, pursuant to section 773, par. 3, of the Italian Commercial Law, every important sale of agricultural or industrial machinery in Italy may, within three months from date of invoice, be registered at the Chancery of the Civil and Penal Tribunal of the town where the machinery is to be installed. This registration is an act of protection for the final payment of the price of the machinery in question.

In order to secure the privilege of registration, it is necessary for the seller of the machinery to send in an application (*nota di trascrizione*) addressed to the "Regia Cancelleria del Tribunale Civile e Penale, Sezione Commerciale" of the town where the machinery is installed, giving all the necessary details regarding price, terms of payment, &c. The said application must be drawn out in duplicate on Italian stamped paper of 3.60 lire, as one copy will be returned by the Tribunal after effecting registration, and

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#### **ITALY—continued.**

should be accompanied by a copy of the contract for the sale of the machinery, or, in default of such contract, by a copy of the invoice. These copies must be stamped and registered with the Italian Government at the competent office, and an amount sufficient to cover the postage for the return of one of them should be sent to the Tribunal. It is not necessary for the application for registration to be confirmed in any way by the buyer of the machinery.

The "Bulletin" of the French Chamber of Commerce at Milan announces that important beds of polychrome marble have been discovered on Lake Iseo, in the territory of Avatico in the Bergamo Province.

#### **ROUMANIA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 12 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 4th July, relative to the International Petroleum Congress and Exhibition at Bucharest in September, a communication has been received from H.M. Minister at Bucharest reporting that the practical results of the Congress are contained in the following resolutions, viz.:—(1) the constitution of an International Committee with the object of unifying the methods of analysis employed and for giving uniform definitions, for commercial purposes, to the products of petroleum; (2) the establishment of a permanent International Committee of the Petroleum Congresses. Before separating, the Congress passed a resolution to the effect that the next Congress should meet in 1910 at Lemberg in Galicia.

#### **TIBET.**

The "Indian Trade Journal" contains an article on trade with Tibet, in the course of which it states:—

##### **Borax.**

"Another of the products of Tibet is borax. It is found mixed with sand on the banks of several lakes and streams. There appears to be any amount of it to be had for the digging. The Lhasa authorities taking only a nominal tax of about eight annas for ten sheep or goat loads—probably about three maunds or 247 lbs. Borax sufficient to supply the potteries of Staffordshire and all Europe would be forthcoming if the supply from Tuscany should ever run short. Years ago Tibet was the principal source of supply of the European market, and exported over 20,000 maunds annually. The supply from Tuscany killed this trade, and for many years past the Tibetan exports have never reached 2,700 maunds. We believe, however, that a keener demand for Tibetan borax has recently sprung up, and that if there were a decent road this trade might greatly expand."

## YARNS AND TEXTILES.

### BRITISH INDIA.

A memorandum has been received from the Director-General of

**Woollen  
Industry.**

Commercial Intelligence at Calcutta, dealing with the woollen industry of India in 1906.

The woollen mills of India, six in number, represent a paid-up capital of Rs. 42,15,400 (281,027*l.*) and debentures to the value of Rs. 4,00,000 (26,667*l.*). In addition to this, there is a small private mill at Bombay, the capital of which is not stated. Two of the mills, those at Cawnpore in the United Provinces and at Dhariwal in the Punjab, have between them a paid-up capital of 30 lakhs (200,000*l.*) or 70 per cent. of the whole. The value of the outturn of these two mills represents 81 per cent. of the total outturn of the Indian mills. They weave cloth for the use of the army and police, and articles of superior quality generally, using for the high-class goods Australian wool, either pure or mixed with Indian wool.

There has been no large increase in the amount of capital employed since 1898, though the number of persons employed and the number of looms and spindles have risen. The quantity and value of the goods produced was larger in 1905 than in any previous year. But in 1906 the production fell off considerably and the quantity was actually smaller than that produced in 1898, though the value, in consequence of the high price of wool, was greater.

The quantity of woollen goods imported into India is very much greater than the production of the Indian mills. The largest classes of the imports are piece-goods and shawls, the bulk of which is received from the United Kingdom and Germany. The woollen goods imported in 1906 were valued at Rs. 2,00,08,535 and the production of Indian mills at Rs. 34,81,808, as compared with Rs. 2,50,09,337 and Rs. 44,28,887 respectively in 1905 and Rs. 3,07,77,825 and Rs. 36,74,678 in 1904.

There are in various places factories for the weaving of carpets and rugs, and of *pattu* and *pashmina*, but though these industries are in the aggregate extensive, they are individually small, and weaving is done on hand-looms.

The exports of woollen goods from India consist almost entirely of carpets and rugs, of which about two-thirds go to the United Kingdom and the greater part of the remainder to the United States. The exports of Indian carpets and rugs during the years 1904, 1905 and 1906 were valued at Rs. 20,61,615, Rs. 17,87,340 and Rs. 20,62,845 respectively.

*Yarns and Textiles.*

The following statement gives particulars of the woollen industry in India for the years 1904, 1905 and 1906:—

|                           |        | 1904.      | 1905.     | 1906.     |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Mills at work ... ..      | No.    | 6          | 6         | 6         |
| Nominal capital employed* | Rs.    | 46,25,000  | 46,25,000 | 46,25,000 |
| Persons employed ... ..   | No.    | 3,468      | 3,491     | 3,402     |
| Looms ... ..              | "      | 737        | 719       | 759       |
| Spindles ... ..           | "      | 25,931     | 27,387    | 27,105    |
| Production ... ..         | { Lbs. | 3,508,700† | 4,126,937 | 2,827,290 |
|                           | { Rs.  | 36,74,678  | 44,28,887 | 34,81,808 |

\* Capital of five of the mills.

† The quantity produced by one of the mills was not reported.

**NEW ZEALAND.**

With reference to the notice on p. 573 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20th June last respecting new regulations governing the grading and export of New Zealand hemp, the "New Zealand Trade Review" states that the Agricultural Department has officially announced that the new regulations came into force on the 1st October. In some details slight changes have been made from the original regulations. The allotment of points is to be as follows:—

For stripping, 25 points; for scutching, 25 points; for colour, 25 points; for strength, 25 points. The original arrangement gave 20 points for each of the above and 20 for washing.

The grades will be as follows:—

*A* grade, "Superior," 90 to 100 points; *B* grade, "Fine," 80 to 89 points; *C* grade, "Good Fair," 70 to 79 points; *D* grade, "Fair," 60 to 69 points; *E* grade, "Common," 50 to 59 points; *F* grade, "Rejected," under 50 points.

The regulation forbidding the exportation of "Rejected" hemp (formerly called "Condemned") has been withdrawn, but it is provided that any grader may absolutely condemn any hemp which, in his opinion, has been so badly treated as to make it useless for the purpose of manufacture or for any other trade purpose. All hemp exported must bear on the leather tag the miller's brand, the number of bale, and the grader's mark.

The department abandons the designation of "Phormium Fibre" and adopts the commercial title of "New Zealand Hemp" or "Hemp."

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 5th October, 1907, were as follows:—

#### Corn Prices.

|        |     |     |     |      |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | 32s. | 6d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | 25s. | 5d. |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | 17s. | 9d. |

For further particulars see p. 89.

A statement is published on p. 90, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 5th October, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

#### Imports of Agricultural Produce.

### CEYLON.

A Supplement to the "Ceylon Observer" contains extracts from the Report for 1906 of the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Ceylon, stating that the most notable features in local agricultural progress during that year were:—(a) the continued boom in rubber planting, which now occupies about 115,000 acres; (b) the successful sale of the cotton crop from Moha-iluppalama, which gives hope that when a little more has been spent on the really good irrigable country of the North, agriculture may become a large and important industry there; (c) the extension of camphor cultivation, stimulated by the extraordinary high price of the drug. There are now about 900 acres under this product and, were seed available locally, there would soon be far more; (d) the holding of the Rubber Exhibition at Peradeniya, which was a great success. Already as a result of the Exhibition decided improvements are being made in the rubber industry.

#### Agricultural Progress.

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

According to reports received from the Acting British Consul at Trieste (Mr. N. Salvani), there is every prospect of a good olive oil crop in Dalmatia this year, the fruit being healthy and in good progress of ripening. It is impossible to indicate the quantity of oil that will be obtained, but that of the two previous years may be taken as a basis. During 1905, 3,607 metric tons were produced, a very good crop; but in 1906 the production fell off to 175·6 metric tons.

#### Olive Oil Crop in Dalmatia.

## *Agriculture.*

### TURKEY.

The following particulars concerning the tobacco crops in Turkey during 1906 and 1907 have been supplied by the British Vice-Consul at Smyrna (Mr. H. C. Venables):—

**Tobacco Crop.** The 1906 crop was somewhat below the average, amounting to about 1,500,000 kilos. The quality was good, and the average price ruling was 14½ piastres.\* The crop for 1907 is calculated at 2,000,000 kilos.—a fair average crop—of which very little has as yet come in. Owing to heavy rains in the latter part of the summer, the quality is somewhat inferior. The price cannot be given, as the crop does not come in before another month or six weeks, but it is expected that there will be very little of superior quality.

The stock held is about 600,000 kilos., which, it is stated, is below the average. Half of this will probably be shipped when the new crop comes in.

\* 119 piastres = 1*l.* sterling.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 3rd October, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 36,398, and the number imported during the forty weeks ended the 3rd October was 3,333,647 (including 5,629 bales British West Indian and 8,467 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 3rd October, 7,692 bales, and for the forty weeks, 400,410 bales.

For further details see p. 89.

A return showing the number of bales of cotton imported and exported, forwarded from ports to inland towns, and returned to ports during the month and nine months ended 30th September will be found on p. 88.

### SPAIN.

Referring to the notice on p. 34 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" relating to the constitution of a Chartered Company, under the name of the General Hispano-African Society, for the development of Spanish interests in Africa, it is understood that the company in question is the well-known "Compañía-Transatlántica" of Barcelona.

*Miscellaneous.***CHILE.**

The "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" (Paris) publishes a report received from the French Consulate at Valparaiso, giving the following particulars of the principal kinds of Chilian timber and the various uses to which they are put:—

**Timber.**

"Roble pellier," very strong, used for building, furniture, sleepers, &c.

"Alerce," a sort of red pine used for large-sized barrels (casks).

"Lingne," similar to European oak, but soon rots. It is used only for furniture, and its bark is used in tanning.

"Laurel," or wild laurel of the country; an ordinary white wood, used for planks, flooring, and partition walls.

"Alamos," or poplar.

"Litre," an extremely hard wood, beautifully veined like pink marble, not abundant. It is used for furniture, and for the centres and rims of carriage wheels.

"Rauli," a red, soft wood, much used for barrels. Formerly it was abundant, but it is now becoming rare in the more accessible provinces. Found in great quantities nowadays only in the provinces of Araucanie, Bio-Bio, Malleco, Valdivia, and the South of Chile.

**BRAZIL.**

The following table showing the c.i.f. value of the imports into Brazil (by countries) during the six months

**Import Trade.** January—June, 1907, as compared with the corresponding period of 1906, is compiled from statistics published in the "Brazilian Review":—

| From                            | Six Months, January—June. |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|                                 | 1906                      | 1907               |
|                                 | £                         | £                  |
| United Kingdom ... ..           | 3,910,168                 | 5,571,345          |
| Germany ... ..                  | 1,955,519                 | 2,857,055          |
| United States of America ... .. | 1,928,096                 | 2,398,727          |
| Argentina ... ..                | 1,530,497                 | 1,857,060          |
| France ... ..                   | 1,313,367                 | 1,598,280          |
| Portugal ... ..                 | 975,500                   | 1,167,906          |
| Italy ... ..                    | 501,405                   | 685,468            |
| Belgium ... ..                  | 602,176                   | 670,833            |
| Uruguay ... ..                  | 776,621                   | 532,884            |
| Austria-Hungary ... ..          | 214,151                   | 319,748            |
| Newfoundland ... ..             | 190,373                   | 239,457            |
| Switzerland ... ..              | 128,209                   | 175,071            |
| Other Countries ... ..          | 398,892                   | 825,665            |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>             | <b>£14,424,974</b>        | <b>£18,899,497</b> |

# STATISTICAL TABLES.

## Cotton Returns.—September, 1907.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported, Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and Returned to Ports during the Month and Nine Months ended 30th September, 1907, compared with the corresponding Periods of the Year 1906.

|  | MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. |                | NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER. |                  |
|--|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
|  | 1907.               | 1906.          | 1907.                             | 1906.            |
| <b>IMPORTS.</b>                              |                     |                |                                   |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 57,864              | 59,973         | 2,401,004                         | 1,683,793        |
| Brasilian ... ..                             | 8,523               | 1,317          | 174,429                           | 193,105          |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 19,828              | 7,071          | 176,506                           | 117,316          |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 14,880              | 8,877          | 850,365                           | 292,089          |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 18,782*             | 11,925         | 120,793†                          | 69,569           |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>119,872</b>      | <b>89,163</b>  | <b>3,228,097</b>                  | <b>2,355,872</b> |
| <b>EXPORTS.</b>                              |                     |                |                                   |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 18,752              | 8,372          | 201,873                           | 139,815          |
| Brasilian ... ..                             | 855                 | 1,361          | 15,436                            | 13,678           |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 12,810              | 2,536          | 60,528                            | 35,099           |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 2,448               | 1,900          | 105,615                           | 58,189           |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 2,405               | 501            | 11,016                            | 6,253            |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>36,270</b>       | <b>14,670</b>  | <b>398,968</b>                    | <b>253,034</b>   |
| <b>FORWARDED from PORTS to INLAND TOWNS.</b> |                     |                |                                   |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 185,666             | 183,342        | 2,287,044                         | 2,169,569        |
| Brasilian ... ..                             | 15,520              | 14,655         | 111,546                           | 141,326          |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 4,761               | 2,763          | 55,997                            | 46,645           |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 9,994               | 7,304          | 246,664                           | 224,196          |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 9,881               | 4,846          | 61,111                            | 62,513           |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>225,822</b>      | <b>212,910</b> | <b>2,712,362</b>                  | <b>2,644,249</b> |
| <b>FORWARDED from INLAND TOWNS to PORTS.</b> |                     |                |                                   |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 22                  | 65             | 408                               | 619              |
| Brasilian ... ..                             | —                   | —              | —                                 | —                |
| East Indian ... ..                           | —                   | —              | —                                 | —                |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | —                   | —              | —                                 | —                |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | —                   | —              | 179                               | 78               |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>22</b>           | <b>65</b>      | <b>587</b>                        | <b>697</b>       |

\* Including 61 bales British West Indian and 810 bales British West African.

† " 5,629 " " " 8,467 " " "

**Cotton Returns—continued.**

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 40 Weeks ended 3rd October, 1907 :—

|                      | Week ended<br>3rd Oct.,<br>1907. | 40 Weeks<br>ended<br>3rd Oct.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>3rd Oct.,<br>1907. | 40 Weeks<br>ended<br>3rd Oct.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)             |   | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)             |   |
|                      | No.                              | No.                                     | No.                              | No.                                     |
| American ... ..      | 25,697                           | 2,490,141                               | 5,853                            | 204,817                                 |
| Brasilian ... ..     | —                                | 182,903                                 | 270                              | 15,586                                  |
| East Indian ... ..   | 178                              | 179,764                                 | 819                              | 61,426                                  |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 4,719                            | 359,184                                 | 608                              | 107,465                                 |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 5,804                            | 121,655*                                | 142                              | 11,116                                  |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>36,398</b>                    | <b>3,333,647</b>                        | <b>7,692</b>                     | <b>400,410</b>                          |

\* Including 5,629 bales British West Indian and 8,467 bales British West African.

**Corn Prices.**

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 5th October, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

|                              |     | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                              |     | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                              |     | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Week ended 5th October, 1907 | ... | 32             | 6  | 25      | 5  | 17    | 9  |
| Corresponding week in—       |     |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                  | ... | 28             | 9  | 26      | 2  | 17    | 1  |
| 1901 ... ..                  | ... | 25             | 9  | 26      | 5  | 17    | 6  |
| 1902 ... ..                  | ... | 25             | 5  | 26      | 2  | 17    | 2  |
| 1903 ... ..                  | ... | 25             | 10 | 23      | 8  | 15    | 6  |
| 1904 ... ..                  | ... | 30             | 2  | 25      | 6  | 15    | 9  |
| 1905 ... ..                  | ... | 26             | 9  | 24      | 9  | 16    | 3  |
| 1906 ... ..                  | ... | 26             | 1  | 25      | 0  | 16    | 3  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**  
**Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce**  
**imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 5th October, 1907,**  
**together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the**  
**previous year.**

|   |            | Week ended<br>5th Oct.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|---|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>  |            |                                  |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..  | Number.    | 8,776                            | 12,372                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..  | "          | 1,806                            | 5,039                               |
| Swine ... ..  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..   | "          | 481                              | 332                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>   |            |                                  |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...                                    | Cwts.      | 109,520                          | 113,376                             |
| Mutton " " " " " "  | "          | 82,353                           | 71,233                              |
| Pork " " " " " "  | "          | 12,522                           | 11,724                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>   |            |                                  |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..  | Cwts.      | 84,022                           | 106,732                             |
| Beef ... ..   | "          | 1,964                            | 3,513                               |
| Hams ... ..   | "          | 17,861                           | 17,949                              |
| Pork ... ..   | "          | 4,139                            | 3,445                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh ... ..  | "          | 10,468                           | } 14,592                            |
| " " salted ... ..   | "          | 1,701                            |                                     |
| " " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) ... .. | "          | 6,948                            |                                     |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>  |            |                                  |                                     |
| Butter ... ..   | Cwts.      | 66,127                           | 85,071                              |
| Margarine ... ..  | "          | 13,955                           | 22,736                              |
| Cheese ... ..   | "          | 40,243                           | 66,766                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..  | "          | —                                | 31                                  |
| " cream ... ..  | "          | 88                               | 64                                  |
| " condensed ... ..  | "          | 20,286                           | 20,457                              |
| " preserved, other kinds ... ..   | "          | 49                               | 290                                 |
| Eggs ... ..   | Grt. Hndr. | 364,695                          | 399,638                             |
| Poultry ... ..  | Value £    | 4,293                            | 1,313                               |
| Game ... ..   | "          | 3,240                            | 3,325                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ... ..   | Cwts.      | 48,718                           | 34,561                              |
| Lard ... ..   | "          | 28,815                           | 44,370                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>   |            |                                  |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..  | Cwts.      | 1,806,000                        | 1,368,100                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..   | "          | 332,700                          | 346,700                             |
| Barley ... ..   | "          | 474,400                          | 503,800                             |
| Oats ... ..   | "          | 147,100                          | 184,200                             |
| Peas ... ..   | "          | 51,830                           | 84,660                              |
| Beans ... ..  | "          | 37,880                           | 33,240                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..   | "          | 878,200                          | 692,700                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>   |            |                                  |                                     |
| Apples ... ..   | Cwts.      | 61,767                           | 36,461                              |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..   | "          | 23                               | —                                   |
| Bananas ... ..  | Bunches.   | 84,414                           | 143,490                             |
| Cherries ... ..   | Cwts.      | —                                | —                                   |
| Currants ... ..   | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..   | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..   | "          | 55,358                           | 74,505                              |
| Lemons ... ..   | "          | 11,938                           | 11,132                              |
| Oranges ... ..  | "          | 7,622                            | 14,392                              |
| Pears ... ..  | "          | 29,630                           | 21,382                              |
| Plums ... ..  | "          | 8,840                            | 33,197                              |
| Strawberries ... ..   | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..   | "          | 12,023                           | 12,863                              |
| Hay ... ..  | Tons.      | 1,384                            | 2,739                               |
| Straw ... ..  | "          | 1,924                            | 1,076                               |
| Moss Litter ... ..  | "          | 1,208                            | 1,392                               |
| Hops ... ..   | Cwts.      | 4,394                            | 4,071                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..   | "          | 12,900                           | 43,920                              |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>  |            |                                  |                                     |
| Onions ... ..   | Bushels.   | 278,498                          | 210,091                             |
| Potatoes ... ..   | Cwts.      | 89,854                           | 22,863                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..   | "          | 22,419                           | 12,339                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..   | Value £    | 1,807                            | 3,069                               |
| Vegetables, dried ... ..  | Cwts.      | 8,226                            | 6,003                               |
| Preserved by canning ... ..   | "          | 16,889                           | 6,591                               |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of September, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 2d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first, and 3s. 4d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the September issue:—State of the Labour Market in August; Trades Union Congress; Hours of Labour in Austrian Factories; Accidents to Railway Servants in 1906; Weights and Heights of Children in Glasgow; Workmen's Compensation in 1906; and Conciliation and Arbitration Cases.

### OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

*Report on Strikes and Lock-outs and on Conciliation and Arbitration Boards in the United Kingdom in 1906.* [Cd. 3,711.] Price 8d.

According to this report, which is prepared in the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, there were 486 disputes during 1906, as compared with 358 in 1905. The number of people affected by the disputes of 1906 was 217,773, a number considerably above the average of the previous ten years (178,494); but the aggregate duration, though slightly higher than the average of the quinquennial period, 1901-5 (2,783,000 working days), was well below that for the preceding quinquennial period, 1896-1900 (7,010,000 working days).

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\* It can be purchased through any newsgent, price 1d.

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*International Exhibitions Committee. Report of the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to make Enquiries with Reference to the Participation of Great Britain in Great International Exhibitions. [Cd. 3,772.] Price 7d.*

In view of the evidence the Committee consider it to be of the first importance that an improved machinery should be set up to secure a more prompt consideration of invitations to take part in exhibitions and a more effective representation of this country at any exhibition in which H.M. Government decide to take part. To obtain these objects it is essential that continuity of organization from exhibition to exhibition should be provided for, and with this end in view the Committee recommend that a special officer should be attached to one of the departments of the Board of Trade as the officer specially concerned with exhibition work, and that he should be primarily responsible for the proper organization, conduct and winding-up of all exhibitions.

*Railway Returns. Returns of the Capital, Traffic, Receipts and Working Expenditure of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom for the year 1906. [Cd. 3,705.] Price 1s. 3d.*

This publication is prepared annually in the Commercial, Labour and Statistical Department of the Board of Trade from the returns furnished to the Board of Trade by the various railway companies of the United Kingdom under the Regulation of Railways Act, 1871, and the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, in respect of their capital, traffic, receipts and expenditure. The returns are preceded by a report comparing the statistics for 1906 with those for previous years, and indicating the principal results of the comparisons. A preliminary statement of the more important particulars of railway capital, traffic, &c., was issued by the Board of Trade in June last and was noticed on p. 482 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 6th June.

*Abstracts of the Returns made to the Board of Trade of Shipping Casualties which occurred on or near the coasts, or in rivers and harbours of the United Kingdom from the 1st July, 1905, to the 30th June, 1906. [Cd. 3,666.] Price 4s. 6d.*

This return, which is published annually by the Marine Department of the Board of Trade, shows that in the twelve months from 1st July, 1905, to 30th June, 1906, the number of British vessels (sailing and steam) totally lost at sea was 331, their tonnage being 130,457. In the same period 779 lives were lost at sea by wrecks of and casualties to vessels belonging to the United Kingdom, 659 being crew, and 120 passengers and others.

*Sugar Convention. Return of the Petitions and Representations made by Public Bodies and Private Associations in India upon the Sugar Convention. (337.) Price 1d.*

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## Government Publications.

## LIST OF FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

THE following Reports of H.M. Diplomatic and Consular Officers, which have been issued in the **Annual** and **Miscellaneous** Series since the 1st January, 1907, may be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C.

| No.                          | Place.   | Price | No.                            | Place.  | Price |
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| <b>EUROPE—</b>               |  |       | <b>EUROPE—(continued) —</b>    |   |       |
| <b>Austria-Hungary :</b>     |  |       | <b>German Empire :</b>         |   |       |
| 3900                         | Austria-Hungary ... 1906   | 1½d.  | 3845                           | Baden ... .. 1906                             | ¼d.   |
| 3899                         | Fiume ... .. 1906  | 1d.   | 3770                           | Chemnitz ... .. 1906                          | 5½d.  |
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| 3752                         | Antwerp—Shipping and<br>Navigation ... .. 1906                         | 2½d.  | 3766                           | Wurtemberg ... .. 1906                        | 1d.   |
| 3918                         | Belgium ... .. 1906.7  | 4d.   | 661                            | Vine culture and Wine<br>trade of Germany ... | 1½d.  |
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| <b>Denmark :</b>             |  |       | <b>Greece :</b>                |   |       |
| 3741                         | Denmark—Finances, 1903-4<br>and 1904-5 ... ..                          | 1d.   | 3786                           | Corfu, Cephalonia, and<br>Zante ... .. 1906   | 2d.   |
| 3746                         | Denmark—Trade and Ship-<br>ping (supplementary) 1905                   | 1d.   | 3806                           | Cyclades ... .. 1906                          | 1d.   |
| 3862                         | Denmark ... .. 1906  | 2½d.  | 3821                           | Greece—Finances ... 1906                      | 3d.   |
| 659                          | Danish system of Taxation  | 1d.   | 3809                           | Morea, Ætolia and<br>Acarnania ... .. 1906    | 1½d.  |
|                              |  |       | 3785                           | Piræus ... .. 1906                            | 2½d.  |
|                              |  |       | 3818                           | Thessaly ... .. 1906                          | 1½d.  |
| <b>France and Colonies :</b> |  |       | <b>Italy :</b>                 |   |       |
| 3812                         | Bordeaux ... .. 1906   | 3½d.  | 3926                           | Florence ... .. 1906                          | 1½d.  |
| 3783                         | Calais ... .. 1906   | 2½d.  | 3781                           | Genoa ... .. 1906                             | 2d.   |
| 3791                         | Cherbourg ... .. 1906  | 3d.   | 3795                           | Italy—Finances ... 1906                       | 3d.   |
| 3886                         | Cochin-China ... .. 1906   | 1d.   | 3902                           | Lecce ... .. 1906                             | 2½d.  |
| 3779                         | Corsica ... .. 1906  | 1d.   | 3920                           | Leghorn ... .. 1906                           | 1½d.  |
| 3780                         | Dunkirk ... .. 1906  | 2d.   | 3799                           | Lombardy ... .. 1906                          | 2d.   |
| 3848                         | French Budget for 1907   | 2½d.  | 3768                           | Rome ... .. 1906                              | 1½d.  |
| 3763                         | French West Africa, 1905-6   | 2d.   | 3778                           | Sicily ... .. 1906                            | 2½d.  |
| 3891                         | Havre ... .. 1906  | 3d.   | 3744                           | South Italy ... .. 1906                       | 1½d.  |
| 3908                         | Lyons, St. Etienne, and<br>Grenoble ... .. 1906                        | 1½d.  | 3912                           | South Italy (Supple-<br>mentary) ... .. 1906  | 2d.   |
| 3930                         | Madagascar ... .. 1906   | ½d.   |                                |   |       |
| 3807                         | Marseilles ... .. 1906   | 2½d.  | 3894                           | Netherlands and Colonies:                     |       |
| 3904                         | Martinique ... .. 1906   | 1d.   |                                | Curaçoa ... .. 1905-6                         | 2d.   |
| 3806                         | Nantes ... .. 1906   | 1d.   | 3887                           | Dutch Guiana... .. 1906                       | 1d.   |
| 3759                         | New Caledonia ... 1906   | 1d.   | 3820                           | Java ... .. 1906                              | 2d.   |
| 3866                         | Nice ... .. 1906   | 1d.   | 3833                           | Rotterdam ... .. 1906                         | 1½d.  |
| 3840                         | Pondicherry ... .. 1906  | 1d.   |                                |   |       |
| 3764                         | Réunion ... .. 1906  | 1d.   | <b>Portugal and Colonies :</b> |   |       |
| 3773                         | Rouen ... .. 1906  | 1½d.  | 3928                           | Angola ... .. 1906                            | 2½d.  |
| 3877                         | St. Nazaire ... .. 1906  | 1d.   | 3754                           | Azores ... .. 1906                            | ½d.   |
| 3870                         | St. Pierre and Miquelon  | 1d.   | 3790                           | Beira ... .. 1906                             | 2d.   |
| 3808                         | Society Islands ... 1906   | 1d.   | 3743                           | Goa ... .. 1905                               | 1d.   |
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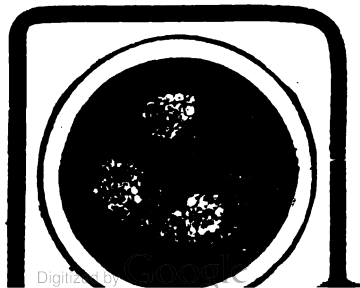
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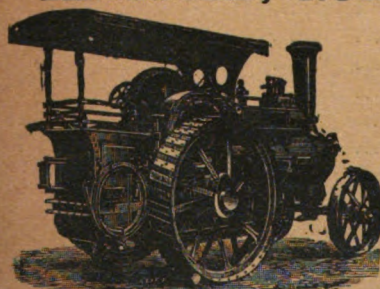
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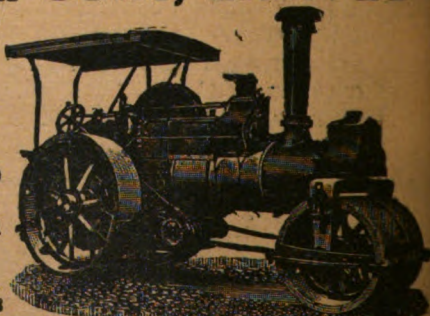
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The Corporation of Bacup are prepared to receive tenders for the Reconstruction, Widening and Improvement of the Bridge carrying the Blackwood-road over the River Irwell at Stacksteads. Plans may be seen, and specifications and quantities obtained, on application to W. H. Elce, Esq., Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., Borough Engineer, and payment of £1 1s., which will be returned on receipt of a bona-fide tender. Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Blackwood Bridge," are to be addressed to me and delivered at my office not later than Saturday, the 19th October, 1907. The Corporation do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOSEPH ENTWISTLE.

Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings, Bacup,  
September 27, 1907.

PARIS, October 24.—The Municipal Waterworks Corporation (Service des Eaux, canaux et égouts) requires tenders for the supply and erection at the Ausserlitz Works of (1) four sets of motor-driven pumps, dynamos, &c., complete, capable of lifting 100,000 cubic metres of water per day into either of two reservoirs, or 50,000 cubic metres into both at the same time; (2) and one reserve set; (3) 10 boilers in two groups of three, and one of four. Particulars may be obtained at the Hotel de Ville.

NEW SOUTH WALES, November 6.—Postmaster-General's department. 14½ tons hard-drawn copper wire (300 lb. per mile); 4 cwt. copper binding tape (200 lb. per mile, ½ in. wide); 3,500 large insulators (best white porcelain); 1,000 tall-wood cross-arms, 3 ft. 10 ins., complete; 1,500 ditto, 5 ft. 2 ins. Specifications and general conditions may be seen at the office of the "Electrical Review."

PORTRUSS, November 2.—Lighting installation (electricity or gas) for the U.D.C. Specifications prepared by Mr. J. Woodside, A.M.I.E.E., may be seen at the offices of the Council, Town Hall.

**CONTRACTS.**

Cheshunt Urban District Council. Private Street Works.—Cadmore-lane. The Council hereby invite tenders for the carrying out of certain works in Making Up, Paving, Kerbing, Channelling and Constructing a 9-in. Surface-Water Sewer, with manholes, gullies, &c., in part of Cadmore-lane, within the Council's district.

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Contractors will be required to take off their own quantities.

Sealed tenders to be delivered, in an official envelope, not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, 21st October, 1907.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

REGINALD H. JEFFES, A.M.I.C.E.,  
Engineer and Surveyor to the Council.  
Manor House, Cheshunt, Herts.  
September 30, 1907.

MELBOURNE, November 12.—6,000 dry cells for the Deputy Postmaster-General, of Victoria. Commonwealth Offices, 72, Victoria-street, S.W., or Board of Trade Commercial Intelligence Department. Specification can be seen at the offices of the "Electrical Review."

MELBOURNE, December 10.—Fifty telephones (wall sets). Tenders to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, by 3 p.m. on December 10. Specification may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall-street, London, E.C., or at the office of the "Electrical Review." Tender forms, &c., may be obtained at the Australian Commonwealth offices in London, 72, Victoria-street, S.W., where also preliminary deposits on tenders may be paid.

NEW ZEALAND, December 11.—The Napier T. C. requires tenders for electric tramways, lighting and power supply. Frank N. Bower, Town Clerk.

**CONTRACTS.**

WOOLWICH, October 24.—The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich invite tenders for the supply of coal for the year commencing December 26, 1907. The amount required will be about 1,400 tons. The persons or firms whose tenders are accepted will be required to enter into a formal contract, copy of which can be seen on application. Full information and forms of tender may be obtained on application to me at the Town Hall, Woolwich. Sealed tenders, properly filled in, must be delivered to me at the Town Hall, Woolwich, not later than 12 noon on Thursday, October 24, 1907, in envelopes endorsed "Tender for Coal." The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,  
ARTHUR B. BRYCESON,  
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Woolwich.

NEW SOUTH WALES, December 11.—Tenders will be received at the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney for the supply and delivery, at the Centri Exchange, General Post Office, Sydney of the following: 1,000 telephones, wall common battery; 100 telephones, table common battery. Specifications may be seen at the office of the "Electrical Review."

NEW SOUTH WALES (Sydney), November 6.—The Water and Sewerage Board require tenders for centrifugal pumps and electric motors for the low-level sewerage system of Sydney.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, January 8, 1908. One common battery switchboard at 3,000 subscribers' telephones (specification No. 166) for the Deputy Postmaster-General, Adelaide. Specifications can be seen at the Commonwealth Office, Victoria Street, S.W.

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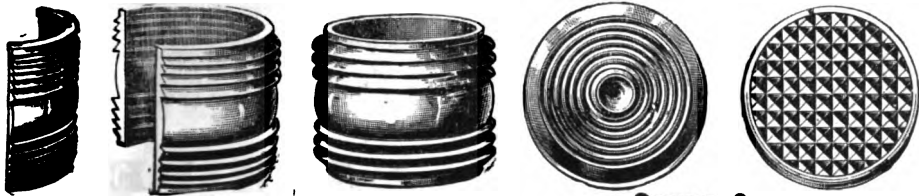
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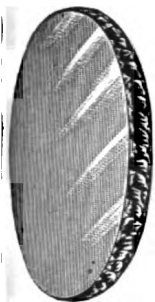
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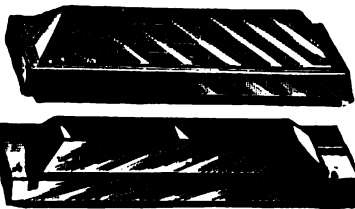
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The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—India, Dominion of Canada, Queensland, Transvaal and Orange River Colony. Statements of the objects and work of these Enquiry Offices will be found on pp. 147-8.

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The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of—1. Rails and fish-plates, bearing plates and coach screws; 2. Crossings and switches. The conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director-General of Stores, India Office, White-

**Rails and  
Fish-plates, &c.,  
Crossings and  
Switches.**

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### BRITISH INDIA—continued.

hall, S.W., and tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 p.m. on the 22nd October in the case of 1, and on the 29th October in the case of 2.

Copies of the schedules, specifications and conditions of contract may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway are prepared to receive up to noon on the 22nd

**Railway Materials.** October, tenders for the supply of the following:—1. Helical and volute springs; 2. Laminated springs; 3. Axles for locomotives; 4. Tyres for locomotives; 5. Paints, &c.; 6. Wrought-iron and mild steel bolts, nuts, rivets, &c. Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained at the Company's Offices, Gloucester House, 2, 3 and 4, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., on payment of 21s. each (which will not be returned). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of slate girder spans (44 ft. 6 in., 44 ft. 9 in., 45 ft., and 89 ft. 10 in. overall), in accordance with specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C. Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Spans," not later than noon on the 23rd October. The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. For each specification a fee of 11. 1s. is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

The Board of Directors of the Burma Railways Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for the supply

**Bridgework.** of bridgework (twenty-one spans of 40 feet and three of 30 feet). Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's offices, 199, Gresham House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. For each specification a fee of 20s. will be charged, which will not be returned. Tenders in sealed envelopes, endorsed "Tender for Bridgework," must be delivered not later than noon on the 24th October. The Board of Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**HOME ENQUIRIES.**

Enquiry is made by a Lancashire firm for the names of Canadian bee-keepers in a position to export honey to Great Britain.

A Scottish firm manufacturing enamelled iron plates of all descriptions and stamped steel wares are seeking to extend their business with Canada.

A London firm desire to be placed in touch with large Canadian wholesale houses dealing in spices, tobaccos, sagoes, and gums, with a view to establishing an export trade.

Enquiry is made by a London firm for the names of large houses in the principal commercial centres of Canada with the view of establishing an agency in the Dominion for a well-known British-made arc-lamp.

A London firm in a position to supply regularly large quantities of common salt desire to be placed in communication with Canadian manufacturers requiring supplies from time to time.

A North of England firm interested in chemicals of various kinds desire to be placed in touch with Canadian importers.

A well-known varnish manufacturer desires to be placed in communication with Canadian users.

A Sheffield firm are seeking to extend their trade with Canada in table cutlery, spoons and forks, electro-silver plate, electro-nickel plate, Britannia metal goods, badges, buttons, jewels, &c.

A London firm who ship quantities of railway material, stores, &c., ask to be placed in touch with Canadian concerns desirous of appointing buying agents for all classes of goods manufactured in Great Britain.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

Enquiry is made from Nova Scotia for the names of English firms importing spool wood.

A Montreal firm which will shortly be buying palm oil in large quantities have asked to be referred to the largest dealers in London and Liverpool.

A Toronto firm of manufacturers' agents are seeking to get into communication with English and Scottish manufacturers who desire to establish an agency in Canada.

A correspondent in Toronto desires to be placed in touch with British manufacturers of ready-made men's clothing, and also with concerns which undertake made-to-measure work for the trade.

Enquiry is made respecting any English firm or company manufacturing carborundum.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

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#### **CANADA—continued.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained :—

#### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A firm manufacturing hand and steam pumps, general and sanitary fittings and brass goods for marine and land use would like to get into communication with Canadian firms in a position to introduce their manufactures.

A company manufacturing roller-bearings for railway and tramway rolling stock of all descriptions, and for all kinds of rotary machines, seek a resident Canadian Agent possessing a connexion in the engineering industry.

A company manufacturing golf clubs, balls and other requisites wish to get into touch with firms in the leading Canadian cities prepared to act as their agents.

#### **CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A company in Victoria, British Columbia, would be pleased to get into correspondence with United Kingdom manufacturers of motors wishing to do business in that part of the Dominion.

A company in Halifax, Nova Scotia, are in a position to undertake the sale of Portland cement and other building materials.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

The Board of Trade have received from their Correspondent at Melbourne (Mr. Max Hirsch) copies of the specification and conditions issued in connexion with a call for tenders for the supply and delivery at Brisbane of cast-iron pipes. Tenders are to be delivered to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, by noon on the 9th December.

The specification and conditions may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Tender forms, &c., may be obtained at the Australian Commonwealth Offices in London, 72, Victoria Street, S.W., where also preliminary deposits on tenders may be paid.

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

Tenders will be received at the Supply and Tender Board Office, Adelaide, up to 3 p.m. on the 26th November, for the supply and delivery at the Public Stores, Port Adelaide, during a period of two years

**Cotton Waste.**

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from the 30th April, 1908, of 180 tons of white cotton waste. Samples must be submitted with tenders, but in the event of samples not being available, the waste must be strictly in accordance with the standard samples marked A and B, which can be seen at the Public Stores, Port Adelaide. Twenty tons are to be delivered early in May next, and the same quantity in each of the months July and October, 1908, January, April, July and October, 1909, and January and April, 1910.

Forms of tender can be obtained at the Supply and Tender Board Office, and from the Chief Storekeeper, Public Stores, Port Adelaide. No tender will be recognised unless on the proper printed form. Tenders should be endorsed "Tender for white cotton waste." The successful tenderer will be required, within seven days of date of notice of acceptance, to make a deposit of 50*l.* as security for due fulfilment of contract. Neither the lowest nor any tender will necessarily be accepted.

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**NORWAY.**

H.M. Legation at Christiania report that statements have recently appeared in the Norwegian Press to the effect that new works are shortly to be undertaken in the harbour of Christiania to cope with the considerable increase in goods traffic which is expected on the opening of the railway between the capital and Bergen. It is stated that the Christiania Harbour Board propose to enter into an agreement with the Government for an extension of the Grónali Quay, in order to provide sufficient wharfage. It is further proposed to proceed immediately to improve the old Grónali Quay by placing railway lines, cranes, and other up-to-date appliances for the handling of merchandise. It is expected that the alterations will be completed in 1910, and the extension of the quay in 1913. It is estimated that the whole of the new works will cost about 1,500,000 kroner (83,300*l.*).

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Norwegian Director of Lighthouses has issued a call for tenders\* for the supply of 255 round rods of rolled steel. Tenders are to be delivered by noon on the 30th October at Fyrvæsenets Kontor, Christiania.

Copies of the conditions and specifications may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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\* Apart from the usual Customs duties a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers. In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenderers not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

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#### **NORWAY—continued.**

The British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) reports that the falls from Ringedal Lake, whose area is about two square kilometres, are to be employed for power required by the "Alby United Carbide Factories," and the "North-Western Cyanamid Company," at Odda. Shortly after leaving the Lake the water is diverted into a tunnel about three miles long, having a fall of some 490 yards to the fjord, where a power station of about 40,000 h.p., capable of extension to 60,000 to 70,000 h.p., is being erected.

The "Badische Anilin und Soda Fabrik" have purchased the Matre River at the end of the Mas Fjord, between Bergen and the Sogne Fjord, calculated to afford some 30,000 h.p.

Mr. Gray is also informed that steps are being taken for the construction, with German capital, of a power station in the Kinso Basin, in Hardanger, and a factory, probably for the production of chemical manure, at Kinservik, on the Hardanger Fjord. It is proposed to dam up a chain of lakes and pass the water through a rock tunnel, about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles long with a 400-metre fall, to an upper turbine house, whence it is to be conducted through a similar tunnel to a lower power station. Hence the power is to be transmitted down the Huse valley to the factory near the sea at Kinservik. It is calculated that over 100,000 h.p. will be obtainable.

#### **GERMANY.**

**Bran and Rice-meal.**

See pp. 119-20.

#### **GERMANY—WURTEMBERG.**

H.M. Consul at Stuttgart (Mr. H. Harriss-Gastrell) reports that the Württemberg Drückerei der Verkehrsanstalten (Printing Office of the Württemberg Post Office and Telegraphs) invites tenders for the supply of paper from 1st April, 1908, to 31st March, 1913, the amount required annually comprising about 20,000 reams of writing and printing paper in 53 sorts, 1,000 reams of cardboard paper in 16 sorts, 1,400 reams of packing paper in seven sorts, 300 reams of copying paper in two sorts and 30 reams of Papyrolin. (The reams are of 1,000 sheets each.) Tenders will be received until 10 a.m. on the 11th November at the Drückerei der Verkehrsanstalt, Friedrich Strasse 34, Stuttgart.

A copy of the conditions and specification and samples of the paper now in use may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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#### **BELGIUM.**

The "Moniteur Belge" of 7th/8th October announces that tenders are invited by the Belgian Ministry of War for the following works:—

**Gasometer  
and Military  
Gymnasium.**

1. Works connected with the construction of a gasometer with ferro-concrete base on the "terre-plein" behind the Saint Laurent barracks at Liège, at the estimated cost of 20,631 francs (about 825*l.*).

2. Works for the construction of a gymnasium at the Military College at Alost, at the estimated cost of 27,228 francs (about 1,089*l.*).

A deposit of 2,000 francs is required to qualify any tender for No. 1, and of 2,780 francs for No. 2. Tenders must be sent by registered letter for No. 1 to "Le Commandant du Génie à Liège, Rue Lairesse No. 35, Liège," and for No. 2 to "Le Commandant du Génie à Termonde, Route de Bruxelles No. 27, Termonde," not later than 26th October. Further particulars may be obtained from the "Commandants" at their offices at the addresses given above.

The "Moniteur Belge" of 10th October announces that the "Société Générale de Chemins de fer économiques" have been authorised to extend their tramway system from the Rue Picard to the new "Hotel Communal" of Laeken in one direction, and to the new Brussels hospital at Jette-Saint-Pierre in the other.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of 13th October announces that tenders are invited for the construction of buildings and for laying down lines inside the dépôt at Leke at the estimated cost of 32,278 fr. (about 1,286*l.*). Tenders should be sent in to "La Société Nationale des chemins de fer vicinaux," 14 rue de la Science, Brussels, before 5th November. A deposit of 3,200 fr. (about 128*l.*) must accompany any tender.

#### **FRANCE.**

The French "Journal Officiel" of 12th October announces that tenders are invited for supplying the navy

**Poplar Wood.**

with poplar wood, at the estimated cost of 32,400 francs (about 1,296*l.*). A deposit of 1,460 francs (about 582*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. The adjudication will be held at Ruelle on 30th October. For further information, application should be made to the "Sous-directeur de la Marine," Ruelle, or to the "Ministère de la Marine," Paris.

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#### **FRANCE—continued.**

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" (Brussels) of 11th October announces that tenders are invited for the supply, in six lots, of (1) 17,000 kilogs. of mineral oil for cylinders, (2) 4,000 kilogs. of colza oil (clarified) for greasing, (3) 5,000 kilogs. of white soap, (4) 500 kilogs. of gum lac, (5) 2,000 kilogs. of string 1 mm. thick, (6) 1,000 kilogs. of string 1.5 mm. thick. Tenders must be sent to the "Mairie de Rennes (Ille-et-Vilaine)" not later than 21st October.

#### **FRANCE—ALGERIA.**

The "Bulletin de l'Office du Gouvernement Général de l'Algérie" of 1st October announces that an adjudication will be held for the working of certain beds of phosphate of lime situated in "les terrains communaux et arch du Djétel-Dyr-Nord, commune mixte de Morsott, arrondissement de Constantine." Local representation is necessary. A deposit of 100,000 frs. (about 4,000*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in not later than 16th November to the offices of "L'Ingénieur-en-Chef des Mines" at Algiers, or to the "Préfecture de Constantine." Further particulars may be obtained at the "Office de l'Algérie, 5, Galerie d'Orléans, Palais Royal, Paris.

The "Bulletin" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### **PORTUGAL.**

The "Diario do Governo" of 8th October announces that applications have been received by the "Direcção Geral de Obras Publicas e Minas" for concessions (1) For exploiting the mineral medicinal water springs of Ponte Romana, at Bornes, "Concelho" of Villa Pouca de Aguiar, and (2) For exploiting the mines of copper and other minerals at Herdade da Zambujeira, S. Brás dos Matos, Concelho do Alandroal.

#### **SPAIN.**

The Acting British Consul at Bilbao (Mr. J. Innes) has received an application from an engineer in that town who wishes to communicate with British manufacturers of square galvanized iron tubes. He states that his consumption would be considerable. He already has quotations from French makers, but believes he can get better quality from Great Britain. His principal requirements would be tubes of the following dimensions, viz.,

**Square  
Galvanized Iron  
Tubes.**

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### SPAIN—*continued.*

(1) 70 mm. side, 8.75 mm. thickness of metal, and 6 metres in length; (2) 35 mm. side, 2.75 mm. thickness of metal and 13.25 metres in length,—both sizes to have a breaking strength of 40 kilogs. per mm. square. He prefers iron to steel, but would consider quotations in the latter metal.

Communications from British firms with reference to this enquiry should be addressed to H.M. Consul at Bilbao.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 4th October contains a notice inviting tenders for works connected with the construction of a lighthouse at Machichaco in the province of Vizcaya, at the estimated cost of 252,344 pesetas (about 8,980*l.*). Local representation is necessary. A deposit of 10 per cent. of the estimated cost is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in to the "Dirección de Obras Públicas," Madrid, not later than the 31st October.

The "Gaceta" of 6th October contains a notice to the effect that a petition has been made to the "Dirección General de Obras Públicas" by Don Domingo Elizondo for the concession for the construction of an electric tramway, from the Northern railway station at "Pamplona" to "Sangüesa." The "Dirección" invite other tenders for the same work to be sent in during the period of one month from the date of publication of the above "Gaceta."

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 7 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4th July, the "Gaceta de Madrid" of 8th October states that the concession for the supply of the four steam rollers for use in the towns of Alicante, Burgos, Cadiz and Tarragona, and a fifth for use in Salamanca, has been granted to Don José Valls.

The same "Gaceta" (8th October) contains a notice to the effect that a concession has been granted to the "Compañía de Tranvías de la Coruña" for the construction of a horse tramway in Corunna from the cross road "de la Primavera" to the "Monelos" bridge.

The "Gaceta" of 10th October announces that tenders are invited for the construction of the first and second sections of the carriage road from Ventas de Narón to Folgoso, in the province of Lugo, at the estimated cost of 124,999 pesetas (about 4,448*l.*). A deposit of 6,300 pesetas (about 224*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta" of 11th October states that tenders are invited for the construction of the second and third sections of the carriage road

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#### **SPAIN**—*continued.*

from Bejar to Barco de Avila, in the province of Avila, at the estimated cost of 91,926 pesetas (about 3,271*l.*). A deposit of 4,600 pesetas (about 164*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

Local representation is necessary in the case of each of the above contracts. Tenders for either must be sent in not later than 11th November to the Dirección General de Obras Públicas, Madrid.

The "Gacetas" containing further particulars may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **ITALY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) reports that a public competition will be held simultaneously at the Royal Arsenal (Contract Offices) of Spezia and Naples, and at the Ministry of Marine at Rome, at 11 a.m. on the 26th October, when sealed tenders will be received for a contract for the supply to the Italian Navy of rubber fittings and rubber goods for the estimated value of 185,200 lire (about 7,408*l.*). Tenders may be for one or more of three lots, valued at 82,000 lire, 53,000 lire, and 50,200 lire respectively. Deposits equal to 10 per cent. of the value of each lot tendered for will be required to qualify tenders.

The special conditions of contract may be seen at the Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the Royal Arsenal; at the Technical Offices of the Navy at Genoa; and at the principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

Each tender should be made out on Government stamped paper of 1 lira. Local representation is necessary.

The expenses of registration, printing and stamp duty are payable by the successful tenderer.

The Italian "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 7th October announces that tenders are invited for works connected with the conveyance of drinking water from the Saraceno Spring in the district of San Fele to the town of Ruvo del Monte, at the estimated cost of 50,800 lire (about 2,032*l.*). A deposit of 2,500 lire (about 100*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of one lira to the "Commissario Civile" of Basilicata, Potenza, not later than 26th October.

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**ITALY**—*continued.*

The "Gazzetta" of 8th October contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the construction of iron barriers at Naples in connexion with the new boundary circle for purposes of octroi. One large gate is to be erected on the Via Arenaccia at Sant' Anna, and nine smaller ones at other entrances to the town. The estimated cost is 435,400 lire (about 17,416*l.*). A deposit of 25,000 lire (1,000*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of 1·20 lire, to the "Intendenza di finanza della Provincia di Napoli," Naples. The adjudication will take place on the 30th October; the date to which tenders will be received is not yet fixed.

The "Gazzetta" of 10th October announces that tenders are invited for works in connexion with (1) the construction of a sewer, with the necessary alterations to the roads crossed by it, and the construction of cesspools for the drainage of Bagheria, at the estimated cost of 112,645 lire (about 4,497*l.*); and (2) the construction of the road in continuation of the "Corso Butera" to the "Mare d'Aspra," at the estimated cost of 47,892 lire (about 1,912*l.*).

Local representation is necessary. A deposit of 10 per cent. of the estimated cost is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in to Il Signor Sindaco, Bagheria, not later than 30th October.

The "Gazzetta" of 11th October announces that tenders are invited for the illumination by gas for a period of twenty years of the town of Caltanissetta, at the estimated cost of 40,000 lire (about 1,597*l.*).

Local representation is necessary. A deposit of 10,000 lire (about 400*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in to Il Signor Sindaco, Caltanissetta, not later than 24th October.

The same "Gazzetta" announces that tenders are invited for the conveyance of drinking water from the Vene Spring to San Pier Niceto, and its distribution in the town, at the estimated cost of 137,600 lire (about 5,493*l.*). A deposit of 6,000 lire (about 240*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in to Il Signor Sindaco, San Pier Niceto, not later than 27th October.

The same "Gazzetta" also announces that tenders are invited for the supply of larch pinewood, to be delivered at the Royal Arsenals of Spezia and Taranto, at the estimated cost of 61,875 lire (about 2,470*l.*). A deposit of 6,190 lire (about 247*l.*) is required to qualify any

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#### ITALY—continued.

tender. Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of 1 lira not later than 3rd November to the Direzione generale dei R.R. Arsenali di Spezia e Taranto.

The "Gazzettas" containing further particulars may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The "Reichsgesetzblatt" of 3rd October contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession to the "Gemeinde **Railway Plant.** Wien Städtische Strassenbahnen" for the construction and working of the following new railways of the local normal gauge:—1. From a point in the Gemeindebezirke XII. (Vienna), *viâ* "Perchtoldsdorf" to Mödling, with branch line to Wolfrathplatze and to Wiener Verforgungshelm; 2. From a point in the Gemeindebezirke II. to Stammersdorf with a branch line to Gross-Enzersdorf.

The "Lieferungswesen" of 10th October states that tenders are invited for the construction of a roof at the **Roofing.** Station of Stróze. For plans, requisites, &c., application should be made at the "Abteilung für Bahnerhaltung" of the "K.K. Staatsbahndirektion Krakau." Tenders must be sent in before the 25th October.

#### BULGARIA.

The British Vice-Consul at Sofia (Mr. G. O'B. Toulmin) reports that according to a notice in the "Courrier de **Water Meters.** Sophia" of 6th October, the municipality of that city are inviting tenders for the supply of 1,735 water meters (*compteurs d'eau*). Tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. on 7th November. A deposit of 1,000 fr. (40*l.*) will be required to qualify each tender.

A copy of the specification may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### SIAM.

The Acting British Consul at Bangkok (Mr. J. Crosby) reports that the imports of cycles and motors at that **Cycles and Motor Cars.** port, which suddenly sprang from 1,023*l.* in 1904 to 22,127*l.* in 1905, show a further slight sterling increase in 1906, the value of such imports in the latter year amounting to 22,699*l.* The high figures are mainly due to the importation of private motor cars, an exceptionally large number of which are now to be seen on the roads of Bangkok.

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#### **SIAM—continued.**

Though the bulk of cars imported in 1906 came from the United Kingdom, this fact is to be explained by the placing of orders with British agencies rather than by an extensive import of British-made cars. Cars of British make are in evidence, but the majority of automobiles introduced are of Continental manufacture.

Mr. Crosby again draws attention to the favourable opening which exists for the introduction into Bangkok and the surrounding country of marine and river motors. A number of river motors, recently imported, are now being profitably employed in ferry service on the Menam River.

**Marine and  
River Motors.**

#### **EXHIBITION.**

##### **ITALY.**

The Board of Trade have been notified by the Italian Consulate-General in London that an exhibition of fruit of excellent quality and in good condition for keeping will be held at Borgosesia, Novara, Italy, for a fortnight from the 20th October. It is pointed out that this will be a favourable occasion for large fruit importers to buy at very low prices, the harvest having been plentiful.

**Fruit Exhibition  
at Borgosesia.**

#### **BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.**

**China.**—The Acting Commercial Attaché to H.M. Legation at Peking (Sir Alexander Hosie) writes:—"I would strongly advise manufacturers and merchants in the United Kingdom as well as in China to secure copies of the 'Analysis of the Foreign Trade of China,' which was published by the Statistical Department of the Imperial Maritime Customs for the first time in 1905. The second and enlarged issue for 1906 is now in the press.\* From this anyone interested in the trade of China will learn the quantities and values of the principal foreign imports into China, the individual countries whence they come, and the ports through which they are distributed for consumption; while, in the case of exports, he will ascertain at a glance not merely the quantities and values of individual exports to foreign countries and the countries to which they are consigned, but he will also know the total movement of any particular export at every port in China, whether that export is intended for foreign or home consumption; in other words, he will be able to discover whether the native produce in which he is interested is procurable in any large quantity and in what quantity . . . .

\* The agents for the sale of the Chinese customs publications in London are Messrs. P. S. King & Sons, 2 and 4, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.

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"It is proposed to hold in 1909 an International Exhibition in Shanghai, the industrial centre and commercial metropolis of China . . . Such an exhibition, if properly carried out, should go a long way to increase and develop the foreign trade of a country which is clamouring not only for foreign goods but also for machinery to start as well as to expand many and varied industrial undertakings.

"At present China is in need of manufacturing plant of all kinds, and she wants to buy, but the Chinese have only the vaguest idea of what is actually required for factories and the cost, and they have to be taught. What would facilitate business more than anything else would be for manufacturers in the United Kingdom to combine and send out expert agents prepared to teach what is needed. . . . A few houses in Germany are represented in Shanghai by expert agents. There are, it is true, quite a number of firms in Shanghai holding the agencies of British manufacturers, but far more than this is required. An instance will suffice to illustrate my meaning. At one of the largest ports in China a British firm held the agency of a British manufacturer. Small orders were received through this agent from time to time, while a German at the same port was transmitting to the same manufacturer orders for tens of thousands of pounds and, ignorant that the manufacturer was already represented, offered his services as agent. Firms in China have many diverse interests to attend to, and they are unable to push the manufacturers' business as it might be done by means of special expert representatives. Such experts, too, can quote more favourable terms than general agents in the United Kingdom and considerable saving is effected.

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**CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.**

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A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Engineering Trades** was held on the 10th October, at the Offices of the Board of Trade. There were present:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the chair), Mr. Alex. Siemens, Sir R. Giffen, K.C.B., The Hon. S. P. Bouverie, Mr. A. Bornemann, Mr. John Dodd, Mr. W. Collingwood, Mr. T. F. Woodfine, Prof. S. J. Chapman, and Mr. H. W. Macrosty.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Clothing Trades** was held at the offices of the Board of Trade on the 14th October. Those present were:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the Chair), Mr. T. Davies, M.P., Capt. A. S. Cleaver, Prof. S. J. Chapman, Mr. Sidney Webb, Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Henry Barran, Mr. C. Corelli, Mr. William Gerrard, Mr. Edwin Jones, Mr. Martin de Selincourt, and Mr. H. W. Macrosty.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Printing Trade** was held on the 15th October at the offices of the Board of Trade. Those present were:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the Chair), Mr. C. R. Harrison, Mr. J. E. T. Allen, Mr. A. R. Byles, Mr. H. Cooke, Mr. Sidney Webb and Mr. H. W. Macrosty.

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## PATENTS AND DESIGNS ACT, 1907.

The attention of manufacturers and traders is specially called to the following summary of certain of the provisions of the above Act.

### **Revocation of patents worked wholly or mainly abroad.**

Section 27 of the Act provides that at any time not less than four years after the date of a patent, and not less than one year from the passing of the Act (*i.e.*, from the 28th of August last), any person may apply to the Comptroller for the revocation of the patent on the ground that the patented article or process is manufactured or carried on exclusively or mainly outside the United Kingdom.

If after enquiry the Comptroller is satisfied that the allegations contained in any such application are correct, he may, subject to an appeal to the Court, revoke the patent, unless the patentee proves that the patented article or process is manufactured or carried on to an adequate extent in the United Kingdom, or gives satisfactory reasons why it is not.

A year's grace dating from the 28th of August last has been given by this Section in the Act. This interval has been allowed in the hope that the patentees, unless prevented by satisfactory reasons, will at once take the necessary steps to work their patents to an adequate extent in the United Kingdom. In the event of their failing to do so, they will run the risk of losing their monopolies, not only by means of the legislative machinery provided by Section 27, but also by the operation of Section 25 (2), which has authorised the Law Courts to take cognisance of their default, and has provided that every ground on which a patent may be revoked under the Act by the Comptroller shall also be available by way of defence to an action for infringement, and shall also be a ground of revocation under that Section.

### **Cancellation of copyright in registered designs used in manufacture wholly or mainly abroad.**

Provisions similar to those contained in Section 27 of the Act are to be found in Section 58 with reference to the cancellation of registrations of designs used in manufacture wholly or mainly abroad. A year's grace has not been allowed by this Section, which will come into force on the 1st of January next, nor is there any appeal against the decisions of the Comptroller under it. The grounds for cancellation of the registration of a design under this Section are made available by way of defence to an action for infringement of the copyright in the design.

### **Compulsory Licences and Revocation.**

Another amendment of the law relating to obstructive patents will be found in Section 24, which provides that petitions to the Board of Trade for the grant of compulsory licences or in the alternative for the revocation of patents on the ground that the reasonable requirements of the public with respect to a patented invention have not been satisfied shall, if the Board of Trade are

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satisfied that a *prima facie* case is made out, be referred to the Court, i.e., to a specially selected Judge of the High Court or to a Lord Ordinary in Scotland, instead of as at present to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. For the purposes of this Section, the reasonable requirements of the public are not to be deemed to be satisfied.

(a) If by reason of the default of the patentee to manufacture to an adequate extent and supply on reasonable terms the patented article or any parts thereof, which are necessary for its efficient working, or to carry on the patented process to an adequate extent, or to grant licences on reasonable terms, any existing trade or industry or the establishment of any new trade or industry in the United Kingdom is unfairly prejudiced or the demand for the patented article or the article produced by the patented process is not reasonably met; or

(b) if any trade or industry in the United Kingdom is unfairly prejudiced by the conditions attached by the patentee before or after the passing of the Act to the purchase, hire, or use of the patented article, or to the using or working of the patented process.

**Avoidance of certain conditions imposed by patentees in relation to the sale or lease of or licence to use patented articles or processes.**

Attention is called to section 38 of the Act which deals with this matter. Broadly speaking, the conditions prohibited are those which have the effect of preventing purchasers, lessees, or licencees of patented articles and processes from buying or using other articles or processes and availing themselves of other inventions, or of compelling them to acquire from the patentee or his nominees articles that are not protected by his patent. Subject to certain specified exceptions, Section 38 renders any conditions of this character inserted in contracts made after the passing of the Act null and void as being in restraint of trade and contrary to public policy; and enables existing contracts containing them to be determined on payment of compensation. The section also provides that the insertion by the patentee in a contract made after the passing of the Act of any condition which by virtue of the section is null and void shall be available as a defence to an action for infringement of the patent to which the contract relates brought while that contract is in force.

**Other Provisions.**

The Act contains a large number of provisions which will improve the position of existing and future patentees and proprietors of registered designs.

For the details of these provisions the Act itself should be consulted. Reference may, however, be made to Section 18, the object of which is to reduce the cost of extending the time of a patent where a patentee has been inadequately remunerated;

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Section 19, enabling patentees to obtain patents of addition in respect of which no renewal fees will be payable;

Section 20, dealing with the restoration of lapsed patents;

Sections 41 (2) and 55, protecting a patentee or proprietor of a design against the consequences of unauthorized publication of his invention or design; and

Section 53, enabling copyright in a design to be extended for a second or third term of five years.

### TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

The following summary table has been prepared in the Board of Trade, showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to July, 1907, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period, viz., the seven months ended July. The corresponding figures for 1906 and 1905 are added for comparison :—

|                           | Imports ( <i>see Note</i> below).<br>Seven Months ended July. |             |             | Exports (Domestic) ( <i>see Note</i> below).<br>Seven Months ended July. |             |             |
|---------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|
|                           | 1905.   | 1906.       | 1907.       | 1905.  | 1906.       | 1907.       |
|                           | £   | £           | £           | £  | £           | £           |
| Belgium* ... ..           | 65,995,000  | 76,091,000  | 82,929,000  | 47,446,000   | 58,314,000  | 60,056,000  |
| France... ..              | 112,047,000   | 131,753,000 | 142,671,000 | 107,066,000  | 118,843,000 | 129,567,000 |
| Spain ... ..              | 23,981,000  | 24,318,000  | 21,884,000  | 19,677,000   | 20,268,000  | 19,848,000  |
| Austria-Hungary ... ..    | 51,746,000  | 56,537,000  | 55,760,000  | 47,820,000   | 53,457,000  | 53,401,000  |
| Egypt ... ..              | 11,222,000  | 12,620,000  | 14,809,000  | 11,065,000   | 12,343,000  | 14,614,000  |
| United States... ..       | 140,511,000   | 151,157,000 | 182,523,000 | 173,223,000  | 198,744,000 | 219,051,000 |
| Japan ... ..              | 32,823,000  | 25,807,000  | 31,148,000  | 16,878,000   | 20,918,000  | 24,016,000  |
| British India ... ..      | 40,438,000  | 44,364,000  | 46,990,000  | 60,183,000   | 64,936,000  | 77,918,000  |
| Canada ... ..             | 30,214,000  | 35,505,000  | 44,632,000  | 18,639,000   | 24,431,000  | 24,213,000  |
| British S. Africa† ... .. | not available   | 19,217,000  | 16,364,000  | not available  | 23,663,000  | 27,833,000  |
| United Kingdom ... ..     | 272,017,000   | 298,636,000 | 321,625,000 | 183,527,000  | 214,036,000 | 246,770,000 |

\* Value of *principal* articles only.

† Including bullion.

A comparison of the total figures for eight months ended 31st August is possible for four countries, as follows, viz. :—

|                       | Imports ( <i>see Note</i> ).<br>Eight Months ended August. |             |             | Exports (Domestic) ( <i>see Note</i> ).<br>Eight Months ended August. |             |             |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
|                       | 1905.  | 1906.       | 1907.       | 1905.   | 1906.       | 1907.       |
|                       | £  | £           | £           | £   | £           | £           |
| Belgium* ... ..       | 75,437,000   | 85,735,000  | 93,847,000  | 58,949,000  | 66,247,000  | 68,905,000  |
| France... ..          | 126,363,000  | 147,859,000 | 160,104,000 | 122,957,000   | 134,803,000 | 146,707,000 |
| United States ... ..  | 160,476,000  | 176,177,000 | 208,706,000 | 197,371,000   | 225,406,000 | 245,138,000 |
| United Kingdom ... .. | 312,431,000  | 340,600,000 | 363,546,000 | 213,045,000   | 247,529,000 | 281,125,000 |

\* Value of *principal* articles only.

NOTE.—In the case of Belgium, France, Austria-Hungary, Egypt, Japan, Canada, and United Kingdom, the import figures given in the above summaries represent imports for home consumption. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however,

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they include a certain amount of "nationalised" goods, i.e., goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade are as follow :—

|                                      | Imports.      |             |             | Exports (Domestic). |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                      | 1905.         | 1906.       | 1907.       | 1905.               | 1906.       | 1907.       |
|                                      | £             | £           | £           | £                   | £           | £           |
| Russia* (5 months)...                | 21,303,000    | 26,190,070  | 28,780,000  | 38,650,000          | 38,145,000  | 33,223,000  |
| Germany (6 months)...                | 163,331,000   | 201,648,000 | 213,256,000 | 129,467,000         | 142,859,000 | 165,550,000 |
| Switzerland (6 mths.)                | 24,364,000    | 26,840,000  | 29,909,000  | 17,941,000          | 20,289,000  | 22,176,000  |
| Italy (5 months) ...                 | 32,178,000    | 41,137,000  | 48,695,000  | 26,304,000          | 31,411,000  | 29,939,000  |
| Mexico† (6 months) .                 | 8,961,000     | 13,527,000  | 12,736,000  | 11,369,000          | 14,218,000  | 13,285,000  |
| Australian Common-wealth† (6 months) | not available | 20,556,000  | 23,963,000  | not available       | 29,580,000  | 32,510,000  |
|                                      | 1904.         | 1905.       | 1906.       | 1904.               | 1905.       | 1906.       |
| Portugal (11 months)                 | 12,777,000    | 12,649,000  | 12,492,000  | 6,389,300           | 5,982,000   | 6,310,000   |

\* European, Russo-Finnish and Black Sea Frontiers.

† Including bullion and specie.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the "Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions, including figures received up to 30th September," to be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

### NOTICE TO TRAVELLERS TO OR THROUGH RUSSIA.

H.M. Consul-General at Warsaw (Mr. A. P. Murray) in a recent letter calls attention to the strictness of the Russian Customs examination of passengers' baggage at the frontier. He writes :— "The Frontier Customs are now much stricter than they have ever been before, all trains arriving at Warsaw from two to four hours late on account of the time taken by the Customs examination at the frontier."

The Consul-General further points out that there is no duty-free transit through Russia, and that duty has to be paid on all new articles according to the tariff. Guns, he adds, are allowed into Russia only by special permission from the local Governor-General, and on payment of about 3*l.* duty and charges which are not recoverable.

A translation of the Russian Customs Tariff may be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, London, E.C., at a cost of 9*d.*, *ex* postage (reference No., Cd. 2857/1906), and a translation of the Russian Customs Regulations concerning the Receipt and Release of Goods, from the same, at 2½*d.*, *ex* postage (the reference being Consular Report, Miscellaneous Series, No. 569, Cd. 785—5/01).

### GERMAN IMPORT TRADE IN CATTLE FOOD.

H.M. Consul-General at Hamburg (Sir W. Ward, C.V.O.) has forwarded the following report, based on official statistics, on the German import trade in feeding stuffs for live stock:—

There was a very considerable increase in the number of horned cattle and pigs bred in Prussia during the year 1906 compared with the figures for 1904, as will appear from the following table:—

| —                    | 1904.      | 1906.      | Increase +<br>or Decrease — |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Horses ... ..        | 2,964,408  | 3,021,087  | + 56,679                    |
| Horned Cattle ... .. | 11,156,138 | 11,630,672 | + 474,539                   |
| Pigs ... ..          | 12,563,899 | 15,334,762 | + 2,770,863                 |
| Sheep ... ..         | 5,660,851  | 5,426,851  | — 234,000                   |

This increase in the breeding and fattening of horned cattle and pigs has, to a great degree, been due to the high prices of meat prevailing in Germany during the year 1906 and part of 1905, and it may, according to competent authorities, be assumed that it has continued during the present year. The consequence of this increase has been that, in spite of the abundant crops of all kinds of fodder in Germany in 1906, there was last year, and will continue to be so long as these conditions last, a considerable rise in the demand in Germany for the leading descriptions of feeding stuffs for live-stock, comprising oilcake and oilcake-meal, bran, rice-meal, malt-sprouts and potato-residue, which are imported from foreign countries.

The great importance of the German import trade in these articles may be inferred from the fact that during the year 1906 the total value of such imports amounted to nearly ten millions sterling: the imports of oilcake and oilcake-meal (601,293 metric tons) being valued at 3,925,000*l.*, the imports of bran (1,089,724 metric tons) at 5,074,500*l.* and the imports of rice-meal, malt-sprouts and potato-residue (202,318 metric tons) at about 1,000,000*l.*

The following table shows the countries whence these articles are chiefly imported:—

| —                               | Oilcake and<br>Oilcake-meal. | Bran.            | Rice-meal,<br>Malt-sprouts,<br>and Potato-<br>residue. |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|
|                                 | Metric Tons.                 | Metric Tons.     | Metric Tons.   |
| Great Britain ... ..            | 16,393                       | 42,946           | 10,446   |
| British India ... ..            | 28,059                       | —                | 30,429   |
| Austria-Hungary ... ..          | 30,411                       | 136,350          | 29,586   |
| France ... ..                   | 40,490                       | —                | —  |
| Holland ... ..                  | 21,820                       | 41,609           | 12,181   |
| Russia ... ..                   | 186,397                      | 530,133          | —  |
| United States of America ... .. | 214,772                      | 93,115           | 78,993   |
| Argentine Republic ... ..       | —                            | 126,725          | —  |
| Other Countries ... ..          | 62,951                       | 118,846          | 40,683   |
| <b>Total for 1906 ... ..</b>    | <b>601,293</b>               | <b>1,089,724</b> | <b>202,318</b>   |
| <b>Total for 1905 ... ..</b>    | <b>583,107</b>               | <b>982,846</b>   | <b>136,583</b>   |

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*German Import Trade in Cattle Food.*

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It will be seen from the above figures that the feeding stuffs chiefly in demand in 1906 were bran and rice-meal, malt-sprouts, and potato-residue, for the total imports of the first-named increased by about 10 per cent. as compared with the figures for 1905, and those of rice-meal, &c., by nearly 50 per cent., whilst the imports of oilcake and oilcake-meal increased by only 3 per cent. The comparatively slight increase in the imports of oilcake and oilcake-meal during 1906 is ascribed by some persons to the exceptionally high price of raw materials, such as copra, palm kernels, &c., and partly to the abundant crops of all kinds of fodder in Germany last year. Others, however, are of opinion that German agriculturists have apparently of late years begun to be more and more in favour of using bran and rice-meal for feeding purposes in preference to oilcake and oilcake-meal, and that the causes of the comparatively smaller demand for the latter in 1906 are not, therefore, of a merely temporary character.

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### SERICULTURE IN CRETE.

The following report on sericulture in Crete has been forwarded by the British Vice-Consul at Canea (Mr. E. C. Wyldbore Smith):—

“Sericulture in Crete is at present in a very primitive state, owing, to a great extent, to the lack of energy in the temperament of the natives. A want of capital also, no doubt, impedes many would-be native sericulturists from establishing business on a large scale. . . .

“The districts in which the culture is most seriously carried on are the Prefectures of Candia and Lassithi in the Western, and the Prefectures of Canea and Sphakia in the Eastern portion of the island, but there would appear to be no reason whatever why the industry should not be carried on with an equal prospect of success throughout the island, the climatic conditions of which are all in its favour, extremes of heat and cold being unknown. . . .

“At present there is a scarcity of mulberry trees for the sustenance of the silkworms, but this defect is being gradually remedied, and during the winter trees are daily planted, the soil being particularly suitable to this class of tree. Seed is imported in boxes weighing about one ounce avoirdupois and worth 2s. 6d. per box. About 4,000 of these boxes are imported annually—the large majority from France, the rest from Prussia and Greece. Eggs are also obtained from native cocoons, but, at present, with but partial success, since at the end of the second year the cocoon becomes orange coloured and of a bad quality, and is worth only half its original value. It is estimated that in the Prefecture of

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Candia about 140 lb. weight of eggs is obtained annually. These eggs of native production fetch about the same price as the French imported article, and are exported chiefly to Persia.

"The average total annual production of fresh cocoons from all districts in the island is estimated at 2,410 cwt., but when dried the cocoons would represent only about 803 cwt. or one-third of their original weight. The local price for fresh cocoons is about 3 francs and for dried cocoons about 9 francs per kilo. . . .

"The dried cocoons are for the most part exported to France. Buyers from Milan are reported to have been making enquiries lately with a view to effecting purchases in the Cretan market should prices be suitable. About one-third of the total production of cocoons remains in the island and is used for the purpose of manufacturing a common silk, which is sold locally and is also sent to Tripoli, Smyrna and Alexandria. About 200 cwt. of this coarse silk is thus produced, the local price being about 16s. per kilo.

"In nearly every Cretan cottage stands a roughly-constructed loom on which this native product is woven into lengths and employed in the manufacture of shirts, sheets, curtains, &c. It is of an extremely durable nature and will stand frequent washing without deterioration. This silk is, as a rule, of a creamy colour, but the peasants, who are fond of gay colours, dye it in every shade.

"The systems in current use, both for destroying the chrysalis and for withdrawing the silk into threads from the cocoons, are of the most primitive description. In the former case, the fresh cocoon is steamed until the chrysalis within is destroyed. In the latter, the method locally employed is to place a small quantity of cocoons (say 1 lb. weight) into a cauldron of water that is just at boiling point; the operator then takes each cocoon separately and proceeds to spin the small silk threads on a rough wheel; when a skein of silk thread of sufficient weight (say 2 lb.) has thus been spun, it is placed in the sun to dry, after which it is ready for sale.

"To sum up then, the elements necessary to extend the silk industry in Crete are as follows:—(1) a continuance of the present state of political tranquility in the island; (2) plantation of mulberry trees on an increased scale; (3) the adoption of more modern methods throughout the various stages of the industry.

"In view of the increased prices which the peasant silk-rearers have been able to obtain for their products, they are without doubt carrying on silk culture with redoubled vigour."

A list of the principal silk buyers in Crete and some patterns of locally manufactured silk have been forwarded by the Vice-Consul: they may be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

## BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE RE-REEL FACTORIES.

The Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Tokio (Mr. E. F. Crowe) has forwarded a memorandum on the boycott of three Japanese re-reel factories by the Foreign Raw Silk Association, from which the following is taken. Mr. Crowe points out that raw silk\* forms such an important item of Japanese trade that anything affecting it should be of interest to British merchants, even though they are not directly concerned in the trade:—

“A glance at any Japanese raw silk market report will reveal the fact that there are three kinds of raw silk exported, namely, filatures, re-reels and kakedas. Filatures, as their name shows, are machine-reeled; re-reels are first of all hand-reeled and then machine-reeled, while kakedas are hand-reeled. The proportion in which they are exported is roughly: filatures, 80 per cent.; re-reels, 13 per cent.; and kakedas, 7 per cent. Now although one would naturally suppose that ‘filatures’ would always fetch a higher price than re-reels of a similar grade, such does not appear to be the case, the latter having gradually increased in value from a position of 24 cents gold per lb. *less* than filatures in 1896/97 to 12½ cents gold per lb. *more* than filatures of the same grade in 1905/06. The reason for this is that the supply is limited and that the American buyers prefer the re-reels, especially from selected cocoons, because by careful manipulation in the process of re-reeling they pass through a severe test as to their strength and nerve, and are therefore considered in America to be more dependable than ordinary filature silk.

“The price has now fallen considerably and is again less than that of ‘filatures,’ but it is not clear that this result is caused by the boycott, although it may have helped towards it, the main reason being that owing to their high price for several seasons consumers have been tempted to look elsewhere for a substitute.

“It is now necessary to say a word of explanation with regard to the Yokohama raw silk market. Since the first days when foreigners began to export raw silk, the custom of the trade has been that all raw silk should be brought to Yokohama and be purchased there by the foreign buyer from a Japanese intermediary or ‘toiya.’ These Japanese middlemen charge a small commission, but, apart from their business as middlemen, it must be remembered that they also occupy a position of quasi-bankers, and that they finance most of the filature proprietors who require large sums of money with which to buy their cocoons.

“It will be seen then that, thanks to the power which the middlemen thus obtain over the raw silk producers, they are an extremely important force. They form a corporation known as the ‘Japanese Silk Guild,’ which is so powerful that it would be most difficult for a foreign firm to oppose them and buy direct from the producer in order to avoid paying them any commission.

“This system of pledging the crops in advance to middlemen is . . . one which has existed in Japan for some centuries . . .

\* The export of raw silk in 1906 amounted to 11,270,000*l.* out of a total import and export trade of 86,000,000*l.*

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and, judging by results, in the case of raw silk at least, it has been very successful. It has been instrumental in establishing the present arrangement by which the foreign buyers, instead of having to bear the cost of establishing agencies in all the producing districts in order to enter into direct dealings with the sericulturists, know that their market is limited to Yokohama, and that all the silk for export must find its way there. In other words, buying expenses are reduced to a minimum.

"In the silk piece-goods trade the conditions are quite different—for one thing it is a newer trade and the middlemen are not so powerful as to hold the weavers in the hollow of their hand, and therefore the foreigner can buy direct from the producer. This, however, does not appear to be an advantage, for it means that he must go to the additional expense of large staffs, more agencies, more telegraphic expenditure, &c., as he has to be ready to buy in any part of the producing districts.

"The raw silk trade therefore may be said to be based on the custom of buying on the Yokohama market through the Japanese middleman, and the experts say that it is because of this custom that the trade has flourished so exceedingly and that Yokohama has acquired its dominating position.

"But some of the Japanese producers have now broken through this trade usage and in doing so have considerably interfered with the trade of the foreign exporters. These latter have therefore decided to boycott them.

"The details shortly put are as follows:—Three of the most important re-reel factories, namely, the 'Usuisha,' 'Kanransha,' and 'Shimonita,' which turn out between them about 60 per cent. of the total re-reel production (which amounts roughly to 1,000,000*l.*), have made arrangements to sell a portion of their produce direct to the two leading Japanese silk exporting firms—the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and the Kiito Gomei Kaisha—without the intervention of the Yokohama (Japanese) middlemen, thus saving the commission and enabling these two Japanese firms to compete more successfully with the foreigner, while giving him no chance to compete in the purchase. . . .

"The Foreign Raw and Waste Silk Association, therefore, dreading that this might be the thin end of the wedge, in self-defence determined to take strong measures, and on 9th August they decided unanimously to abstain from buying the chops of the three offending factories until further notice.

"This, the foreign exporters hope, will compel the factories concerned to return to the old arrangement, because, by forcing them to dispose of their silks through one channel only, the value of their goods must necessarily depreciate.

"Up to the present moment (2nd September) there is no sign of either party giving way."

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## PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

### BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

A special issue of the "Official Gazette of the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates," dated 28th August last, has been received, which contains a proposed Ordinance to make better provision for the levying of Customs duties in the East Africa Protectorate, and for the organization and management of the Customs Department.

The Bill provides for the consolidation of the various Customs, transit and re-export Regulations at present in force, and for the imposition of various rates of duty on articles imported into and exported from the East Africa Protectorate.

The *export* tariff is practically the same as that at present in force, but it is proposed to modify the *import* tariff\* by the addition of various articles to the free list, viz., passengers' baggage (including bicycles, cameras, sewing machines, &c.), horses and mules, vessels for inland navigation, goods for H.M. navy, sheep and cattle medicines (with effect from 1st January, 1906), chemical manures and insecticides, and industrial machinery.

The duties on goods imported for transmission to the Uganda Protectorate are to be paid on importation into the East Africa Protectorate.

The *transmission* by the Foreign letter post of articles liable to Customs duty is prohibited. Any letter or packet *received* in the Protectorate by the Foreign post and suspected to contain dutiable articles shall be opened, and, if the contents are dutiable, retained until duty has been paid.

All goods imported by sea for conveyance by the Uganda Railway and *declared for transit* through the Protectorate, must pass through the Customs-house at Kilindini. Goods in transit are liable to the usual warehouse rent, and landing and other charges, and to an additional charge of 4 annas per package to cover administration expenses in connexion with the transit traffic. The import duty payable on goods in transit is repayable, at the option of the transit agent, either at the place of entry or the place of exit but no refund of duty is made after the expiration of six months from the date of issue of the transit manifest.

Goods in transit landed at the Port of Mombasa may, at the discretion of the Chief of Customs, be treated as goods liable to the payment of Customs duties, and in such cases no refund of duty will be allowed to the transit agent or any other person.

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\* The rates of import duty in the Protectorate are Rs. 2 per gallon on distilled liquors, eau de cologne, and lavender water, and 10 per cent. *ad valorem* on all other dutiable articles.

*Proposed Tariff Changes.***BRITISH EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE**—*continued.*

The same issue of the "Gazette" contains a copy of a proposed Ordinance to authorise the issuing of licenses to ostrich farmers for the collecting of eggs of wild ostriches and for the capturing of young wild ostriches in the British East Africa Protectorate.

The Bill provides, *inter alia*, for the prohibition of the export of "ostrich feathers" from the Protectorate except by an ostrich farmer who has obtained them from "domesticated" ostriches kept by him.

A "domesticated" ostrich is interpreted to mean an ostrich which has been bred in captivity, or which has been captured when young and kept in captivity for a period of not less than six months.

No export duty will be payable upon the feathers of any domesticated ostrich exported from the Protectorate within three years from the above-mentioned date.

Provision is also made for the prohibition of the export from the Protectorate of any live ostrich or an "unblown ostrich egg" unless a license has been obtained from the Governor costing Rs. 500 for a live ostrich and Rs. 75 for an unblown egg.

The license fee may be remitted in the case of ostriches exported for scientific purposes.

No person may export a "blown ostrich egg" unless he produces a certificate signed by an ostrich farmer certifying that such egg has been obtained from the person signing the certificate or unless he satisfies the Customs officer that the egg was lawfully possessed by him before the publication of this Ordinance.

**NORWAY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Bergen reports that the Norwegian Fisheries Council have decided to recommend the imposition of new export duties on fish in order to provide funds for the insurance of Norwegian fishermen against accidents. The proposed new export duties are as follows:—

|                                 |     |                        |             |         | Kr. | öre |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-------------|---------|-----|-----|
| Smoked sardines in oil          | ... | case of 12 dozen boxes | 0           | 10      |     |     |
| Salmon taken south of Finmarken | ... | 100 kilogs.            | 1           | 00      |     |     |
| Iced herrings                   | ... | ...                    | {           | case    | 0   | 05  |
|                                 |     |                        |             | or      |     |     |
|                                 |     |                        |             | hectol. | 0   | 06  |
| Lobsters                        | ... | ...                    | ...         | each    | 0   | 01  |
| Iced fish other than salmon     | ... | ...                    | 100 kilogs. | 0       | 10  |     |

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The Board of Trade have received, from the Officer-in-charge of the Commonwealth Offices in London, copies of cablegrams, received from the Commonwealth Government, notifying the following alterations in the duties on tobacco in the Australian Customs and Excise Tariff proposals:—

The Import duties on tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., cigarettes and snuff under items 17, 25 and 26 of Division II\* of the Customs Tariff have been passed, whilst the rates of duty on the other kinds of tobacco enumerated in that Division have been amended as follows:—

| Item<br>in<br>Tariff. | Articles.   | Rates of Duty<br>under both the<br>General and<br>British Pre-<br>ferential Tariffs |
|-----------------------|---|---|
|                       |   | <i>s. d.</i>  |
| 18                    | Tobacco, cut ... .. per lb.   | 3 6   |
| 20                    | Tobacco, unmanufactured ... ..  | 3 6   |
| 21                    | Tobacco, unmanufactured, but entered to be locally manufactured into tobacco or cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to factory:— |   |
|                       | (a) Unstemmed ... .. per lb.  | 1 6   |
|                       | (b) Stemmed or in strips, including clippings and cuttings and any similar waste ... .. per lb.   | 2 0   |
| 22                    | Tobacco, unmanufactured, but entered to be locally manufactured into cigars—to be paid at the time of removal to factory:—                |   |
|                       | (a) Unstemmed ... .. per lb.  | 2 6   |
|                       | (b) Stemmed or in strips, including clippings and cuttings and any similar waste ... .. per lb.   | 3 0   |
| 24                    | Cigars, including the weight of bands and ribbons... ..   | 7 6   |

*Note.*—Items 19, 21 (c) and 22 (c) have been deleted.

\* For which see pp. 5-6 of the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" for 19th September last.

The first item in the original Excise Tariff proposals (viz., "Tobacco, cut fine, for cigarettes") is deleted, and is included in the amended rates shown below:—

| Articles.                        | Rates of<br>Excise Duty. |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                  | <i>s. d.</i>             |
| Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i.:—  |                          |
| Made in Australia ... .. per lb. | 1 0                      |
| Hand-made strand ... .. "        | 0 9                      |

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| Articles.  | Rates of<br>Excise Duty. |
|--|--------------------------|
|  | <i>s. d.</i>             |
| Cigars :—  |                          |
| Machine made ... .. per lb.  | 0 9                      |
| Hand-made ... .. „   | 0 3                      |
| Cigarettes (including the weight of the outer portion<br>of each cigarette) :— |                          |
| Machine made ... .. „  | 3 0                      |
| Hand-made ... .. „   | 2 9                      |

“Hand-made tobacco” means tobacco in the manufacture of which all operations are entirely carried on by hand without the aid of machine tools or machinery other than that used in pressing tobacco.

“Hand-made cigars” means cigars in the manufacture of which every operation is performed by hand, provided that moulds may be used.

“Hand-made cigarettes” means cigarettes in the manufacture of which the whole of the operations connected with the filling and completion of the cigarettes shall be performed exclusively by hand.

A further notification has been received stating that “wire netting” is dutiable, with effect from 11th October, at the rate of 10 per cent. under the General Tariff and 5 per cent. under the British Tariff on importation into the Commonwealth.

It is also stated that an excise duty of 1s. per cwt. on glucose has been passed, with effect from the 11th instant.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.**

With reference to the notice that appeared in the “Board of Trade Journal” for 19th September last respecting a proposal to make provision for the better protection of the Customs revenue by causing all “saleable” ship’s stores, &c., of vessels arriving at any port in the Cape of Good Hope to be sealed up whilst such vessel remains in any port of the Colony, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of the “Customs Act, 1907” (No. 14 of 1907) which gives effect to the above proposal, to come into force on the promulgation of the Act.

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#### DOMINION OF CANADA.

A copy of an "Appraiser's" Bulletin (No. 257), dated 16th September last, has been received, giving the following Customs decisions respecting the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into the Dominion of Canada:—

| Articles.  | Tariff Item. | Rate of Import Duty.                   |                           |
|--|--------------|--|---------------------------|
|  |              | Under the British Preferential Tariff. | Under the General Tariff. |
| The Chautauqua Quarterly ... ..  | 184          | Free.                                  | Free.                     |
| Dental engines, so called, as dental instruments of metal ... ..   | 466          | Free.                                  | Free.                     |
| Hobson's Concentrate ... ..  | 168          | 35 % <i>ad val.</i>                    | 35 % <i>ad val.</i>       |
| Pipes or tubes for use in transmitting anhydrous ammonia in process of refrigeration are not entitled to free entry as "tubes for boilers" (item 395).<br>Articles partly nickel-plated or electro-plated are not to be rated for duty under item 362 as "nickel-plated ware" or "electro-plated ware," unless half the metallic surface thereof is nickel-plated or electro-plated—in effect from 16th September, 1907. |              |  |                           |
| Herrings in tins, not <i>preserved in oil</i> whether kippered or not, or whether put up with tomato sauce or not ...  | 123          | 17½ % <i>ad val.</i>                   | 30 % <i>ad val.</i>       |

#### GERMANY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Bundesrat has recently authorised the duty-free importation or re-importation of the following articles, under the conditions governing "improvement" trade:—

1. Cut cork cubes without the bark (Tariff No. 637), for the purpose of being dressed and pointed.

2. Foreign finished carriage wheels of malleable iron, together with the corresponding axles (Tariff No. 799), and rough iron carriage springs (Tariff No. 824), for the purpose of being built into caravans (*Wohnwagen*).

3. Wheat meal (Tariff No. 162) deposited in an officially bonded warehouse to be manufactured into wafers without the addition of sugar or spice. If the "improvement" trade in this article takes place in large quantities, 109 kilogs. of warehoused meal may be exempted from duty for every 100 kilogs. of exported wafers.

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4. Dried figs (Tariff No. 52) to be used for dipping.
5. Home-made carding felt of wool (Tariff No. 514) to be attached to foreign carding cloth (Tariff No. 581).
6. Home-made paper (so-called rough carton) (Tariff No. 655) to be treated with baryta (*Barytstreichen*), provided the paper be re-exported.

### EGYPT.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 21st September contains the following revised Valuation Tariff for use in assessing import duties on certain oils, colours, &c., which was to come into force on the 22nd September, and is to remain in operation until the 21st December next, or until denunciation:—

| Articles.   | Valuation per kilogramme net.* |                   |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|
|   | Former Tariff.                 | Revised Tariff.   |
|   | Millièmes.†                    | Millièmes. †      |
| Cotton-seed oil, "prime winter yellow" ... ..                     | 25                             | 26                |
| refined, and "summer yellow" ... ..                               | 23                             | 24                |
| Linseed oil, raw ... ..   | 22                             | 23                |
| boiled ... ..   | 23                             | 24                |
| Zinc white (first quality), including "Vieille Montagne" ... ..   | 26                             | 26                |
| Zinc white (second quality), including "Nouvelle Montagne" ... .. | <i>ad valorem</i>              | <i>ad valorem</i> |
| Red lead ... ..   | 20                             | 20                |
| Cochineal ... ..  | <i>ad valorem</i>              | <i>ad valorem</i> |
| Coco-nut oil, crude or refined ... ..                             | "                              | "                 |

\* Duty is leviable on these valuations at the rate of 8 per cent.

† 1,000 millièmes = £E 1 = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

### SPAIN.

The Board of Trade are in receipt of information from the British Vice-Consul at Madrid to the effect that in accordance with a Royal Order, published in the "Gaceta de Madrid," of 9th October, the Customs Authorities are not, in future, to require certificates of origin in respect of imported merchandise included under the following numbers of the Tariff, viz.: 75, 76, 87, 101, 102, 251, 403, 404, 442, 528, 529, 639, 640, 680, 682, 683 and 689.

Among the articles included in the foregoing numbers may be mentioned:—

Iron and steel wheels. Large pieces of iron and steel composed

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of bars, or of bars and the sheet metal belonging to them, with rivets and screws; also the foregoing not riveted, pierced and cut to measure for bridges, frames of houses and other buildings, and riveted tubes. Screws and bolts, up to 10 millim. thick, and nuts and washers therefor.

White or coloured paper, of any weight, cut; hand made and blotting paper.

Electrical cables and wire.

Tinned beef or mutton and sardines in tins.

Certain indiarubber manufactures, including waterproof tissues and boots and shoes.

Umbrellas and sunshades of silk.

#### **ROUMANIA.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of a Circular recently issued by the Roumanian Director-General of Customs, notifying the prohibition of the importation of apparatus (cigar lighters) with alcohol, methyl or other chemical substance for producing fire without direct contact with a substance in combustion. The importation of apparatus for obtaining fire by means of friction is not prohibited.

##### **Prohibition of Importation of Fire-producing Apparatus.**

#### **VENEZUELA.**

With reference to the notices which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 1st June and the 13th July 1905, respecting the Customs treatment of goods imported at Pampatar, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Decree of 5th April, 1905, whereby special bonding facilities and a reduced rate of Customs duty were established at that port, has been repealed. Pampatar remains the only port in the Island of Margarita open to the importation of foreign merchandise; and goods imported through Pampatar, whether destined for the mainland or for consumption in the Island, are subject to the same rates of duty as those imported through other Venezuelan ports.

##### **Customs Treat- ment of Goods at Pampatar.**

#### **ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Argentine "Boletin Oficial" of the 23rd August contains a Ministerial Resolution providing that beverages imported in sample bottles of less than 50 millilitres (3.0515 cubic inches) capacity, for the purpose of obtaining orders, shall pay duty on the basis of the aggregate quantity of litres of each beverage contained in the total number of sample bottles cleared through the Customs.

##### **Method of Assessing Import Duty on Sample Bottles of Beverages.**

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### COLOMBIA.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of a Colombian Presidential Decree, dated 5th August, providing as follows:—

**Tariff Classification of Printing Material, Carriages and Automobiles.**

*Printing presses, type and articles essential for printing*, are assigned to the 2nd class of the Tariff—duty, 0.01 dol. per kilog., to which has to be added the surtax of 70 per cent. If the

above-mentioned articles are imported by Departmental and Municipal Authorities they are to be exempt from duty,

*Carriages of all kinds and automobiles* are also assigned to the 2nd class of the Tariff, but are exempted from the surtax of 70 per cent.

### SAN SALVADOR.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Salvadorian Government, by Decree of 18th June last, imposed an import duty on Roman or Portland cement at the rate of 50 centavos per 100 kilogrammes, and also a surtax on all other imported goods (except all kinds of cereals and flour and duty-free goods) at the rate of 2 pesos 40 centavos per 100 kilogrammes.

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### RUSSIA.

The British Vice-Consul at Kertch (Mr. R. C. Michell) reports that the channel through the Straits of Kertch is being dredged to a uniform depth of 24 feet. The work is nearly complete, but at present only those ships drawing no more than 20 feet are allowed to pass down. Those drawing more than 20 feet are obliged to lighten. Pilotage up and down the channel is compulsory at a cost of 7 copeks (13s. 4d.) per last (2 tons net) each way. Pilotage into or out of the harbour only is 3 copeks per last each way. A fine is imposed on any ship neglecting to take a pilot.

### FRANCE.

H.M. Consul at Cherbourg (Mr. M. E. Loftus) has forwarded the following information, which he has received from the British Vice-Consul at Brest (Mr. S. S. Dickson), regarding the depth of water in the commercial harbour at Brest and the dues levied on vessels entering that port:—

**Commercial Harbour at Brest.**

“The commercial harbour at Brest has a depth of 46 ft. at high tide and 23 ft. at low tide. There are five docks in the harbour. In the fifth dock, which is that principally used by foreign

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merchant ships, the depth along the side of the quay must, owing to silting, be reckoned at 36 ft. at high tide and 18 ft. at low tide. In the second dock, 31 ft. at high tide and 8 feet at low tide. The first and third docks are dry at low tide. The fourth dock is used for careening. In this dock the water rises at high tide to a depth of about 17 ft.

"There are three hand cranes placed in this harbour by the Chamber of Commerce for public use, of 20,000, 5,000 and 3,000 kilogrammes respectively. There are, besides, two floating steam cranes belonging to a person who undertakes the loading and discharging of cargo, and four running steam cranes belonging to private firms for their own use.

"Sanitary and quay dues are the same as in other French ports. Besides these, the following tolls are payable:—(1) Vessels navigating between Brest and foreign or colonial ports, but not engaged in a regular service, pay 50 centimes per register ton. (2) Vessels navigating as above, *i.e.*, not engaged in a regular service, but between Brest and French ports, pay 25 centimes per register ton. (3) Vessels belonging to a regular line of steamers navigating between French ports and calling at Brest pay 15 centimes per register ton. (4) For 1st and 2nd class, 1 franc per passenger. (5) For 3rd class, 50 centimes per passenger. All vessels under 25-ton register and those not effecting any commercial transaction, such as vessels in the service of the State, pilot, pleasure, fishing vessels, &c., and vessels seeking refuge, are exempt from tolls 1, 2 and 3. Passengers travelling on behalf of the Government and at Government expense are exempt from tolls 4 and 5.

"The new dry dock, now under construction in the commercial harbour, will be ready for use early in 1909."

### JAPAN.

With reference to the notices on p. 600 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 26th September, pp. 257-8 of the 8th August and p. 249 of the 8th November last, relating *inter alia* to projected harbour works at Kobe, the Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Tokio (Mr. E. F. Crowe) reports that on the 16th September the Japanese Minister of Finance laid the foundation stone of the new works for connecting land and sea communications at Kobe. These works had been under consideration some time, but it was not till 1905 that the Diet approved of them. The work is to be divided into two periods. The first will cover seven years and the cost will be about 17,000,000 yen, of which the Kobe ratepayers will contribute some 4,000,000 yen. Kobe has for many years been the chief Japanese port for imports and owing to its favourable central position it is hoped that with its new harbour works it will attain a commanding position in the oversea commerce of Eastern Asia.

## MINERALS, MÉTALS AND MACHINERY.

### NORWAY.

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Sydvaranger Iron Company, Limited, whose mining claims have a length of 15 kilometres from Kirkenas in South Varanger through the peninsula along the Langfjord and the lakes of Björnevand and Druevand, have recently contracted a loan of 12,000,000 kroner at the Norddeutsche Bank, Hamburg and the Discontobank, Berlin. The company propose, moreover, to increase their capital from five to ten million kroner. A railway is in course of construction to the port of Kirkenas, where quays are to be built, equipped with the latest improvements, so that the ore may be loaded into the ships' holds direct from the railway trucks. As the port of Kirkenas is ice-locked during the winter months, the company have acquired a powerful ice-breaker and tug combined. The ore to be exported will be treated by the Gustaf Grönsberg's process. It now contains 37 per cent. of iron, but by this process it will be made into briquettes assaying 66 to 68 per cent. Arrangements are being made for a production of from six to nine hundred thousand tons annually and shipments are expected to begin in 1910. The shipments will probably take place chiefly in Norwegian vessels. The dues to be paid to the State are three öre\* per ton of ore, with a minimum of 10,000 kroner per year.

### DENMARK—GREENLAND.

H.M. Minister at Copenhagen has forwarded a translation of an article published in the "Dannebrog" of 25th September, from which it appears that a Danish Copper Mining Syndicate was to take over on the 1st October the concession granted in 1904 to Herr Bernburg for a mining enterprise in Greenland. Only one copper mine has as yet been worked, but it is expected that a new one will shortly be opened. The copper is reported to be satisfactory as regards both quantity and quality, and the mine gallery is of considerable extent.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) reports that the New York "Tribune" calls attention to the fact that open-hearth steel is rapidly taking the place of Bessemer steel in the United States. It is stated that 60,000,000 dols. (12,000,000*l.*) must be spent by the United States Steel Corporation and other steel concerns in changing their Bessemer plants to open-hearth.

\* 100 öre = 1 krone = 1*s.* 1½*d.*

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The Bessemer departments of the Duquesne, Edgar Thomson and Homestead Works of the United States Steel Corporation have recently been closed, and it is not expected that they will be re-opened. In their place the Steel Corporation expects in a short time to have in operation extensive open-hearth furnaces. The reason given for these extensive changes is that the Bessemer ores of the Lake Superior region have fallen off so much in quality that they are not considered so suitable for conversion into steel by the Bessemer process as by that of the open-hearth.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The "Engineering and Mining Journal" (New York) quotes from the "Philippine Journal of Science" the following particulars regarding manganese ores in the Philippines:—While there is no demand for

**Manganese Ore.** manganese ores within the islands, it is hoped that the deposits, of which three are known, can compete with outside producers. Very little is known of the extent and quality of the deposit that was found when cutting the road from Capas to Iba. Information relating to the second deposit, in the island of Masbate, is very meagre, but on the whole this district appears promising. The most important and best known deposit is in the eruptive conglomerate region of Nagpartion in the province of Ilocos Norte. In the Nagpartion hills the concentration is greatest, but transportation difficulties will probably prevent much development in that region. Actual working is now being carried out between Punta Negra and Punta Blanca, but recent development has made it seem probable that the thickness of the deposit is small. The nodules are of very good quality, giving 77.5 per cent. manganese dioxide and containing only 0.02 per cent. phosphoric anhydride, and 1.1 per cent. silica.

The "Philippine Journal of Science" publishes also information as to deposits of asbestos in the islands. The province of Ilocos Norte contains the most important deposits. Two varieties occur, known

**Asbestos.** as the "parallel" and the "cross-fibre," the former kind being the more abundant. The local designation of "cross-fibre" is applied to the true crysolite asbestos and by "parallel fibre" is meant tremolitic or amphibole asbestos. In regard to the actual situation of the deposits, mention may be made of occurrences in the Dalumat and Baruyen schist areas in the northern part of the province, and to a pocket formation on the Dungen-Dungan estate. It appears as though these two occurrences are confined almost entirely to shear zones in the rock and hence are likely to be of only limited importance. In the shaft on property near Baruyen a

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large pocket of rather inferior tremolitic asbestos has been met with, but there are also several small veins of the "cross-fibre" variety which are very promising. At the present time actual working of the deposits has not taken place, and no mineral has been marketed.

#### JAPAN.

The Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Tokio (Mr. E. F. Crowe) reports that the oil well in Gotsu Bay, near Naoetsu in Echigo, belonging to the Japan Petroleum Company, which began to spout on the 30th August last, is now producing oil at the rate of over 7 koku (1 koku = 39.7 gallons) per hour, making an average of 160 koku per day. Trial boring was begun four years ago and up to the date mentioned the amount produced had not exceeded 5 koku a day. The quality of the oil is said to be good and it should fetch about 8.30 yen per koku (say 17s. for 40 gallons).

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#### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 12th October, 1907, were as follows:—

|        |     |     |     |     |      |      |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33s. | 3d.  |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25s. | 9d.  |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17s. | 11d. |

For further particulars see p. 141.

A statement is published on p. 142, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 12th October, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

#### RHODESIA.

The Board of Trade's Correspondent at Cape Town (Mr. E. J. Cattell) reports that the maize and millet harvest in Rhodesia has been a record one. In the Mazoe district the locusts have done very little damage to the summer crop, but the majority of the winter white straw crops have been destroyed, and little will be harvested.

*Agriculture.***SPAIN.**

The Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell) has forwarded the following statistics, compiled from the reports of the Provincial Agricultural Service for 1906, regarding the production of wine and olives in Spain in that year :—

**Wine.**

| Area under Vineyards. | Average Production of Grapes per hectare. | Total Production of Grapes. | Grapes destined to Wine. | Wine Produced. |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Hectares.             | Kilogs.                                   | 100 kilogs.                 | 100 kilogs.              | Hectolitres.   |
| 1,398,770             | 1,773                                     | 24,811,225                  | 21,976,540               | 13,574,745     |

**Olive Oil.**

| Area under Olives. | Production of Olives per Hectare. | Total Production of Olives. | Total production of Oil. |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Hectares.          | Kilogs.                           | Metric Tons.                | Metric Tons.             |
| 1,345,578          | 530                               | 713,350                     | 133,665                  |

The following table shows the production of olives and oil in 1906 in the three most important regions :—

|                |     |     |     |     |     |     | Olives Produced. | Oil Produced. |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|---------------|
|                |     |     |     |     |     |     | Metric Tons.     | Metric Tons.  |
| Catalonia      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 120,879          | 20,092        |
| East Andalusia | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 107,331          | 17,444        |
| West Andalusia | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 244,849          | 45,231        |

West Andalusia includes the two most important oil-producing provinces, viz., Cordova, with a production of 24,782 metric tons in 1906, and Seville, which produced 16,410 metric tons.

**ITALY—SICILY.**

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) has forwarded the following information regarding vintage prospects in Sicily :—

**Vintage.**

At Riposto, in the province of Catania, the vintage is very abundant, so much so that there has been a dearth of barrels and jars to store the produce. The quality has suffered by the quantity, which is in excess of last year's output by about one-third. Wines of 14–15 degrees of alcohol will not be obtainable

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in quantity this season. During September 6,191 hectolitres of wine was exported from Riposto, principally to Italian ports, an increase on the figures of the previous year of 1,126 hectolitres. Rain has interfered with the vintage in the province of Siracusa. At Milazzo, in the province of Messina, the conditions are the same as at Riposto. At Castellammare, in Trapani, the recent scirocco has depreciated the quality of the vintage.

The British Vice-Consul at Marsala (Mr. C. F. Gray) reports that the vintage there began early in September and had to be postponed on several occasions on account of thunderstorms and heavy rains, which continued, with some intervals, from the 12th to the 25th of that month. The first rains did some good towards ripening the grapes, but the very heavy rainfall afterwards caused large quantities of grapes to rot, and unless there is some fine, hot weather now most of the new wine will be less luscious and alcoholic than was expected at the beginning of the vintage. The total production is expected to be rather less than last year, as although the earlier planted American vines, as also such of the old Sicilian vines as have still been able to resist the phylloxera, will yield considerably more than last year, this increase will not make up for the deficiency caused by the large quantities of old Sicilian vines that have been destroyed by phylloxera since last vintage. As the planting of American vines in the Marsala district was begun much later than in other parts of the Island an average vintage cannot be expected for two or three years. Prices of grapes and must continue to be inordinately high.

#### ITALIAN EAST AFRICA.

The "Bollettino della Società Africana d'Italia" for July, 1907 contains a notice stating that experiments have been made by Signor Carpanetti in the cultivation of cotton in the district of Goscia, a valley below the Juba river, which indicate that the district is well suited for this purpose. Several varieties such as "Mit affi," "Abassi" and "Cavaroni" have given splendid results both as regards the quality and the quantity produced. The yield of the plants is in no way inferior to that obtained in Egypt, and the special conditions of the district admit of the cultivation of all the most varied and valuable species.

#### AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.

With reference to the notice on p. 85 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting the olive oil crop of Dalmatia, H.M. Consul at Trieste (Mr. J. B. Spence) reports that the production of olive oil in Istria amounted during 1905 to 845 tons, and during 1906 to 526 tons. Regarding this year's crop, the information received at the Consulate is that it is not a prolific one—the olive trees having suffered through the persistent drought.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 10th October, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 53,419 (including 103 bales British West Indian and 322 bales British West African) and the number imported during the forty-one weeks ended the 10th October was 3,387,066 (including 5,732 bales British West Indian and 8,789 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 10th October, 5,137 bales, and for the forty-one weeks, 405,547 bales.

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A statement showing the number of receiving orders and of administration orders under Sec. 125 (Deceased **Bankruptcy Debtors' Estates**) of the Act of 1883 gazetted in **Statistics.** England and Wales during the month and nine months ending 30th September will be found on pp. 143-4.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of fish landed on the English and Welsh, Scottish, **Fishery Statistics,** and Irish Coasts during the month and nine September, 1907. months ended 30th September, 1907, compared with the corresponding periods of the year 1906:—

|                           | Month of September. |         |           |         | Nine Months ended 30th September. |           |           |           |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                           | 1907.               |         | 1906.     |         | 1907.                             |           | 1906.     |           |
|                           | Quantity.           | Value.  | Quantity. | Value.  | Quantity.                         | Value.    | Quantity. | Value.    |
| <b>England and Wales—</b> |                     |         |           |         |                                   |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                     |         |           |         |                                   |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 1,264,564           | 694,031 | 1,940,894 | 669,915 | 8,782,155                         | 5,548,255 | 7,990,056 | 5,123,518 |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                   | 29,467  | —         | 28,951  | —                                 | 245,929   | —         | 235,298   |
| Total Value ...           | —                   | 723,498 | —         | 698,866 | —                                 | 5,794,184 | —         | 5,358,816 |
| <b>Scotland—</b>          |                     |         |           |         |                                   |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                     |         |           |         |                                   |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 557,332             | 171,777 | 645,044   | 217,757 | 8,249,453                         | 2,786,627 | 6,391,389 | 2,594,666 |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                   | 6,642   | —         | 6,217   | —                                 | 55,277    | —         | 55,076    |
| Total Value ...           | —                   | 178,419 | —         | 223,974 | —                                 | 2,841,904 | —         | 2,649,742 |
| <b>Ireland—</b>           |                     |         |           |         |                                   |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                     |         |           |         |                                   |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 42,231              | 20,769  | 50,556    | 19,718  | 457,368                           | 196,328   | 510,731   | 263,217   |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                   | 2,767   | —         | 1,688   | —                                 | 14,980    | —         | 11,666    |
| Total Value ...           | —                   | 23,536  | —         | 21,406  | —                                 | 211,308   | —         | 274,883   |

NOTE.—All the above figures are subject to correction in the annual returns.

*Miscellaneous.***UNITED KINGDOM—continued.**

According to a report in the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" for October,\* based on 6,471 statistical returns, viz., 2,701 returns from trade unions and 3,770 returns from employers (relating to 1,087,093 workpeople, employed in coal and iron mining, the cotton, woollen, worsted and other textile trades, the building trades, the boot and shoe and other clothing trades, and the paper and glass trades), besides a large number of returns of a non-statistical character received from employers' associations, trade unions, local correspondents and other sources, employment in September was on the whole worse than in August. The shipbuilding and engineering trades continued to decline, and there was also some falling off in the building trades and in the furnishing trades. The coal mining and tin plate industries remained very brisk.

As compared with a year ago, there was some improvement in coal mining and in all the textile industries, and a decline in the engineering, shipbuilding, printing and bookbinding trades.

In the 273 trade unions, with a total membership of 631,241, making returns, 28,914 (or 4·6 per cent.) were reported as unemployed at the end of September, 1907, compared with 4·0 per cent. at the end of August, 1907, and 3·8 per cent. at the end of September, 1906.

**GERMANY.**

H.M. Embassy at Berlin have forwarded a report of the recent meeting of German bankers at Hamburg. The most important and interesting portion of the proceedings from a general point of view was the discussion on the reform of the Bourse Law.

**Bourse Law :  
Reform  
demanded.**

It was urged that the entire fundamental idea of the present Bourse Law was false, as time bargains were essential for the corn market, for the money market, for the state finances, for the agriculturist, the exporter and the importer, all of whom require time bargains, not in order to speculate, but to insure themselves against speculation. It was asserted that the Bourse Law had caused the concentration of power and capital in the big banks, and the consequent decline of the small banks, that it had outlawed legitimate business and allowed illegitimate speculation in American and African shares to flourish for the benefit of the foreigner. Another speaker spoke of the Bourse Law in connexion with financial readiness for war. Military experts suggested all sorts of violent financial measures in case of war, but one ought (the speaker said) to do as much as possible by means

\* For list of principal contents, see p. 145.

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which would not unnecessarily disturb the ordinary conditions: such means were the war-chest in the Julisturm, increase of taxation, decrease of expenditure for social objects, subscriptions by communities and individuals and finally loans. For this (the speaker continued) a strong Bourse is required and that has been wantonly destroyed: the big banks alone cannot provide for the huge loans which would be required; numerous private banks and strong speculation are wanted to find the loans. The possession of foreign stocks is an important reserve in case of war as it strengthens one's political and commercial position. A strong resolution was passed unanimously, condemning the Bourse Law, demanding that time bargains should once more be allowed and urging that, in place of the present tax levied on foreign stocks on their importation into Germany, no tax should be paid until they are placed on the home market.

### ITALY—SICILY.

With reference to the notice on p. 477 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 5th September respecting sumach prospects in Sicily, H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) reports that, according to the "Giornale di Sicilia," the local sumach trade is very calm, with small foreign demand and few buyers. This state of affairs is attributed to the employment of substitutes for sumach in tanning. Local prices are quoted as follows:—

Mascolino for shipping, 23 to 23.50 lire per 100 kilos.

" grinding, 22.50 to 23 lire per 100 kilos.

Femminello, 18 to 19 lire per 100 kilos.

### MANCHURIA.

The British Vice-Consul at Dairen (Mr. H. G. Parlett) has forwarded a *résumé* of the trade returns of that port for the first three months of 1907, from which the following figures showing the total value of the imports and exports during that period are taken:—

| From and To                              | Imports. | Exports. |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | £        | £        |
| Japan ... ..                             | 391,021  | 275,636  |
| China and other foreign countries ... .. | 185,120  | 134,445  |
| Total ... ..                             | 576,141  | 410,081  |

The values of some of the chief articles of import were:—Cotton goods, 146,081*l.*; flour, 60,224*l.*; firearms, &c., 31,736*l.*; timber, 23,362*l.*; fruit, 16,932*l.*; rice, 16,903*l.*; kerosene, 14,984*l.*; saké, 13,346*l.*; iron, &c., 12,832*l.*; tobacco, 12,517*l.*; sugar, 12,389*l.*; and cotton yarn, 11,533*l.*

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 41 Weeks ended 10th October, 1907 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>10th Oct.,<br>1907. | 41 Weeks<br>ended<br>10th Oct.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>10th Oct.,<br>1907. | 41 Weeks<br>ended<br>10th Oct.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 35,986                            | 2,526,127                                | 3,735                             | 208,552                                  |
| Brazilian ... ..     | 583                               | 183,486                                  | 487                               | 16,078                                   |
| East Indian ... ..   | 7,908                             | 187,672                                  | 440                               | 61,866                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 4,841                             | 364,025                                  | 391                               | 107,856                                  |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 4,101*                            | 125,756†                                 | 84                                | 11,200                                   |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>53,419</b>                     | <b>3,387,066</b>                         | <b>5,137</b>                      | <b>405,547</b>                           |

\* Including 103 bales British West Indian and 322 bales British West African.

† " 5,732 " " " " 8,789 " " "

### Corn Prices.

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 12th October, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|                                      |     | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                      |     | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                                      |     | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| <b>Week ended 12th October, 1907</b> | ... | 83             | 3  | 25      | 9  | 17    | 11 |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>        |     |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                          | ... | 28             | 4  | 26      | 5  | 16    | 11 |
| 1901 ... ..                          | ... | 25             | 10 | 26      | 8  | 17    | 8  |
| 1902 ... ..                          | ... | 25             | 1  | 26      | 1  | 17    | 0  |
| 1903 ... ..                          | ... | 25             | 8  | 23      | 9  | 15    | 5  |
| 1904 ... ..                          | ... | 30             | 5  | 25      | 4  | 15    | 8  |
| 1905 ... ..                          | ... | 26             | 11 | 24      | 10 | 16    | 6  |
| 1906 ... ..                          | ... | 26             | 3  | 25      | 3  | 16    | 7  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**  
**Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce**  
**imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 12th October, 1907,**  
**together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the**  
**previous year.**

|  |              | Week ended<br>12th Oct.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>   |              |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..                                       | Number.      | 8,869                             | 12,078                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..   | "            | 872                               | 1,664                               |
| Swine ... ..   | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..  | "            | 245                               | 186                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>  |              |                                   |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...                               | Cwts.        | 120,475                           | 109,837                             |
| Mutton " " " " " "   | "            | 56,599                            | 113,416                             |
| Pork " " " " " "   | "            | 14,298                            | 9,951                               |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>  |              |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..   | Cwts.        | 83,720                            | 97,980                              |
| Beef ... ..  | "            | 4,222                             | 2,780                               |
| Hams ... ..  | "            | 14,200                            | 19,686                              |
| Pork ... ..  | "            | 4,478                             | 3,314                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh ... ..   | "            | 11,489                            | } 11,611                            |
| " " salted ... ..  | "            | 1,228                             |                                     |
| " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) ... | "            | 5,781                             |                                     |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>                                     |              |                                   |                                     |
| Butter ... ..  | Cwts.        | 61,849                            | 73,314                              |
| Margarine ... ..   | "            | 14,273                            | 21,461                              |
| Cheese ... ..  | "            | 78,460                            | 81,846                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..                                       | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..   | "            | 79                                | 69                                  |
| " condensed ... ..   | "            | 16,062                            | 19,183                              |
| " preserved, other kinds ... ..  | "            | 92                                | 380                                 |
| Eggs ... ..  | Grt. Hunder. | 450,285                           | 434,160                             |
| Poultry ... ..   | Value £      | 2,696                             | 2,142                               |
| Game ... ..  | "            | 2,804                             | 1,991                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ...                                       | Cwts.        | 26,678                            | 36,005                              |
| Lard ... ..  | "            | 82,247                            | 22,689                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>                                      |              |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..   | Cwts.        | 2,279,700                         | 780,100                             |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..  | "            | 216,400                           | 375,700                             |
| Barley ... ..  | "            | 522,200                           | 455,700                             |
| Oats ... ..  | "            | 239,400                           | 199,500                             |
| Peas ... ..  | "            | 52,830                            | 30,010                              |
| Beans ... ..   | "            | 77,690                            | 5,040                               |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..  | "            | 988,600                           | 1,111,600                           |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>  |              |                                   |                                     |
| Apples ... ..  | Cwts.        | 186,667                           | 100,080                             |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..  | "            | 84                                | —                                   |
| Bananas ... ..   | Bunches.     | 71,297                            | 119,609                             |
| Cherries ... ..  | Cwts.        | —                                 | —                                   |
| Currants ... ..  | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..  | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..  | "            | 62,051                            | 67,379                              |
| Lemons ... ..  | "            | 12,571                            | 7,378                               |
| Oranges ... ..   | "            | 4,924                             | 6,583                               |
| Pears ... ..   | "            | 26,748                            | 18,639                              |
| Plums ... ..   | "            | 1,752                             | 32,640                              |
| Strawberries ... ..  | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | "            | 10,101                            | 7,736                               |
| Hay ... ..   | Tons.        | 630                               | 3,308                               |
| Straw ... ..   | "            | 1,618                             | 1,904                               |
| Moss Litter ... ..   | "            | 1,183                             | 1,884                               |
| Hops ... ..  | Cwts.        | 4,407                             | 4,589                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..  | "            | —                                 | 10,100                              |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>   |              |                                   |                                     |
| Onions ... ..  | Bushels.     | 179,578                           | 173,489                             |
| Potatoes ... ..  | Cwts.        | 89,089                            | 24,967                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..  | "            | 15,554                            | 14,568                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | Value £      | 3,018                             | 2,679                               |
| Vegetables, dried ... ..   | Cwts.        | 5,615                             | 16,571                              |
| Preserved by canning ... ..  | "            | 12,174                            | 4,861                               |

### Bankruptcy.—England and Wales.

Number of Receiving Orders and Administration Orders under Sec. 125 (Deceased Debtors' Estates) of the Act of 1883 gazetted in the undermentioned Principal Trades and Occupations during the periods indicated:—

|   | September. |            | Nine Months ended 30th Sept. |              |
|---|------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------|
|   | 1907.      | 1906.      | 1907.                        | 1906.        |
| Total gazetted...   | No.<br>268 | No.<br>284 | No.<br>3,006                 | No.<br>3,337 |
| Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations:—       |            |            |                              |              |
| Builders ...  | 20         | 21         | 217                          | 224          |
| Grocers, &c....   | 16         | 18         | 184                          | 249          |
| Publicans and hotel keepers, &c. ...                        | 6          | 13         | 166                          | 197          |
| Farmers and graziers ...                                    | 10         | 14         | 122                          | 136          |
| Butchers ...  | 10         | 11         | 101                          | 105          |
| Decorators, painters, plumbers, &c. ...                     | 12         | 8          | 86                           | 87           |
| Greengrocers, fruiterers, &c. ...                           | 8          | 11         | 80                           | 106          |
| Bakers ...  | 6          | 11         | 79                           | 96           |
| Tailors, &c. ...  | 8          | 4          | 72                           | 67           |
| Boot and shoe manufacturers and dealers ...                 | 5          | 7          | 66                           | 88           |
| Drapers, haberdashers, &c. ...                              | 5          | 4          | 64                           | 67           |
| Coal and coke merchants and dealers ...                     | 9          | 3          | 56                           | 59           |
| Fishmongers, poulterers, &c. ...                            | 8          | 6          | 49                           | 62           |
| Confectioners ...   | 1          | 1          | 40                           | 19           |
| Clerks, commercial and general ...                          | 1          | 2          | 37                           | 40           |
| Jewellers, watchmakers, silversmiths, &c. ...               | 4          | 1          | 37                           | 33           |
| Carriers, carmen, lightermen, and hauliers ...              | 1          | 1          | 36                           | 33           |
| Auctioneers ...   | 4          | 4          | 32                           | 36           |
| Agents, commission and general ...                          | 3          | 6          | 31                           | 38           |
| Travellers, commercial ...                                  | 2          | 1          | 31                           | 26           |
| Cab, omnibus and fly proprietors ...                        | 1          | 2          | 28                           | 28           |
| General dealers ...   | 2          | —          | 28                           | 23           |
| Furniture dealers and makers ...                            | 3          | 1          | 27                           | 20           |
| Bicycle, &c., manufacturers and dealers ...                 | 2          | 6          | 26                           | 34           |
| Corn, flour, seed, hay, and straw merchants and dealers ... | —          | 2          | 26                           | 24           |
| Provision merchants, &c. ...                                | 4          | 1          | 25                           | 31           |
| Dairymen, cowkeepers, &c. ...                               | —          | 2          | 24                           | 23           |
| Merchants, general ...                                      | 2          | 2          | 24                           | 19           |
| Printers, booksellers, and publishers ...                   | 1          | 2          | 23                           | 23           |

**Bankruptcy.—England and Wales—continued.**

|   | September. |            | Nine Months ended 30th Sept. |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
|   | 1907.      | 1906.      | 1907.                        | 1906.      |
| <b>Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations—continued.</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>No.</b> | <b>No.</b>                   | <b>No.</b> |
| Tobacconists, &c. ... ..  | 4          | 3          | 22                           | 33         |
| Gardeners, florists, &c. ... ..                                       | 8          | 1          | 21                           | 12         |
| Engineers and founders, &c. ... ..                                    | 2          | 3          | 20                           | 25         |
| Cabinet makers and upholsterers ... ..                                | 8          | 1          | 20                           | 23         |
| Chemists, druggists and chemical manufacturers                        | 1          | —          | 20                           | 21         |
| Carriage, &c., builders ... ..  | —          | 1          | 20                           | 15         |
| Restaurant, coffee and eating-house keepers ...                       | 1          | 3          | 20                           | 15         |
| Lodging-house keepers ... ..  | 2          | —          | 20                           | 14         |
| Solicitors ... ..   | 1          | 2          | 18                           | 19         |
| Blacksmiths, farriers, &c. ... ..                                     | 2          | 3          | 18                           | 17         |
| Brokers, stock and share ... ..                                       | 8          | 1          | 18                           | 17         |
| China, glass, and earthenware, &c., dealers ..                        | 4          | —          | 18                           | 9          |
| Doctors of medicine, physicians, &c. ... ..                           | 8          | —          | 17                           | 18         |
| Carpenters and joiners ... ..   | 1          | 3          | 16                           | 24         |
| Contractors ... ..  | 4          | —          | 16                           | 17         |
| Wheelwrights ... ..   | 6          | 2          | 16                           | 13         |
| Ironmongers ... ..  | —          | 2          | 15                           | 21         |
| Clothiers, outfitters, &c. ... ..                                     | 5          | 3          | 15                           | 21         |
| Stationers ... ..   | 2          | 3          | 15                           | 20         |
| Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses ... ..                             | 2          | —          | 15                           | 12         |
| Saddlers and harness makers ... ..                                    | —          | 3          | 14                           | 15         |
| Stone, marble and monumental masons, &c. ...                          | 8          | 1          | 14                           | 14         |
| Architects and surveyors .. ..  | 1          | 1          | 14                           | 12         |
| Directors and promoters of public companies ...                       | 2          | 2          | 14                           | 10         |
| Officers in Army ... ..   | —          | 2          | 13                           | 18         |
| Cattle and pig dealers ... ..   | 1          | 2          | 13                           | 15         |
| Wine and spirit merchants, &c. ... ..                                 | 2          | 1          | 13                           | 9          |
| Milliners, dressmakers, &c. ... ..                                    | 2          | 4          | 12                           | 19         |
| Hairdressers... ..  | —          | 4          | 12                           | 18         |
| Woollen merchants and manufacturers... ..                             | 1          | 1          | 11                           | 18         |
| Hosiery, gloves, &c. ... ..   | 1          | —          | 11                           | 13         |
| Millers ... ..  | —          | —          | 9                            | 16         |
| Timber merchants ... ..   | 1          | 2          | 9                            | 8          |
| Curriers, tanners, and leather merchants ...                          | —          | 3          | 7                            | 9          |
| Cotton spinners and manufacturers ... ..                              | —          | —          | —                            | 4          |
| Fishing smack owners, and masters ... ..                              | —          | —          | —                            | 3          |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of September, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 2d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first, and 3s. 4d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the October issue:—State of the Labour Market in September; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration Boards in 1906; Proceedings under the Conciliation Act during 1905-7; Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom; Emigration in 1906; Earnings at Corn Harvest; and House Letting in Scotland.

### OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

*Abstract of Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom, 1905-1906.*  
[Cd. 3,690.] Price 1s. 2d.

The tables in this (the eleventh) Abstract of Labour Statistics summarises the latest available information which has been collected by the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, or which is embodied in various official publications by other Departments, on the principal matters relating to the condition of the working classes. The statistics relate to the following among other subjects:—Wages and Hours of Labour; Fluctuations in Employment; Strikes and Lock-outs; Work of Conciliation and Arbitration Boards; Employers' Associations; Workmen's Trade Unions and Co-operative Societies; Prices of Raw Materials and of

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\* It can be purchased through any newsagent, price 1d.

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Articles of Food. Other Tables deal with Production and Consumption; Profit-sharing; Diseases of Occupations and Industrial Accidents; Friendly Societies, Building Societies and Savings Banks; Population and Vital Statistics; Housing; Occupations of the Industrial Population; Pauperism; Labour Bureaux, and other subjects. The following Tables appear in this abstract for the first time, viz.:—Index Numbers of Employment, 1860-1906; Production of Beer, 1892-1906; Production of Spirits, 1892-1906; Number and Value of Inhabited Houses, 1891-1905; Consumption of Coal, Iron, Cotton, &c., in the United Kingdom, 1892-1906; Consumption of Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Tobacco, Beer, &c., 1892-1906; General course of wages, 1874-1906; Retail prices of Food in London, 1892-1906; Retail prices of Bread in London, &c., 1892-1906; Cost, &c., of Food in Urban Working Class Families, 1904; Proportion of persons employed in certain occupations, 1891 and 1901.

*Mines and Quarries: General Report and Statistics for 1906. Part III.—Output.* [Od. 3,774]. Price 1s. 5d.

This return, which is prepared annually by the Home Office, contains statistics as to the quantity and value of various minerals raised in the United Kingdom. The value of the mineral output of the United Kingdom in 1906 was 105,842,992*l.*, an increase of 10,014,180*l.* as compared with the preceding year.

*Agricultural Statistics, Ireland, 1907. Abstracts showing the Acreage under Crops and the Number of Live Stock in each County and Province, 1906-7.* [Cd. 3,769.] Price 1½*d.*

According to this Return, the acreage of cereal and green crops, flax and hay in Ireland in 1906 and 1907 was as follows:—

| —                |     |     |     | 1906.     | 1907.     | Increase<br>in 1907. | Decrease<br>in 1907. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                  |     |     |     | Acres.    | Acres.    | Acres.               | Acres.               |
| Cereal crops ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,309,343 | 1,294,951 | —                    | 14,392               |
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| Flax ...         | ... | ... | ... | 55,189    | 59,655    | 4,466                | —                    |
| Hay ...          | ... | ... | ... | 2,330,016 | 2,281,263 | —                    | 48,753               |
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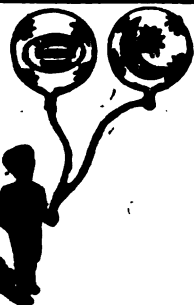
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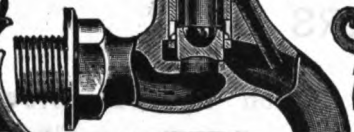
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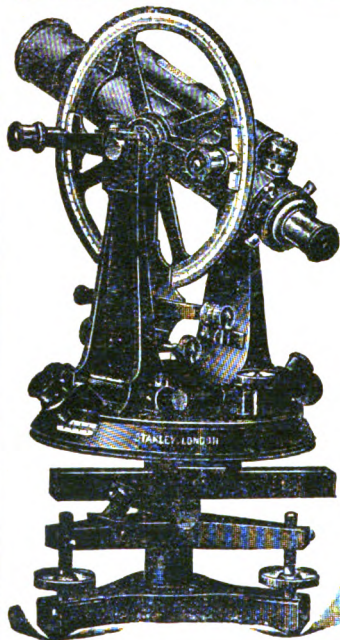
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**ITALY, November 4th.**—The Municipal authorities of Acireale, in the province of Catania, require offers for the installation and working of an electric lighting and power plant, for 30 years. The city will contribute £1,480 per year for 112,278 kw.-hours, and the company must deliver any further energy required for lighting at 3½d. per kw.-hour. A deposit of £160 is required. Tenders are to be made to the Sindaco, and the amounts and names are to be considered strictly confidential.

**LLANDILO, November 2nd.**—200 yards electric light cable and four lamps for the U.D.C. Specification from R. Shipley Lewis, Clerk to Council, Llandilo.

**NEW ZEALAND, December 11th.**—The Napier T.C. requires tenders for electric tramways, lighting and power supply. Frank N. Bower, Town Clerk.

**VICTORIA, January 7th, 1908.**—The Postmaster-General requires tenders for 11 sections of a common-battery switch-board and 3,000 subscribers' telephones and other apparatus, for the telephone exchange at Windsor.

**ALBANY (W.A.), November 18th.**—Tenders are required by the municipal authorities of Albany for the public and private lighting of the town by gas or electricity for the next 15 years. Tenders to Town Clerk, Ernest P. Paton.

**STEPNEY, November 11th.**—Steam and electric generating plant, &c., for the Blyth's Wharf generating station, and the sub-station equipment, for the Council. See "Official Notices," October 11th.

**CONTRACTS.**

**ADELAIDE, November 26th.**—The Agent-General for South Australia, 28, Bishopsgate Street, Within, E.C., has received specifications for tramway rails and fish-plates required by the Adelaide Tramways Trust, which has the electrification of these lines in hand. A deposit of £3 3s. is required.

**BELGIUM, BRUSSELS, October 25th.**—A public adjudication will take place at the Hotel de Ville at 1.15 p.m. for the supply of the electric cables required by the municipal electric supply department. A deposit of \$40 is required. Particulars may be obtained from the Municipal Electrical Engineer-in-Chief, at 5d. plus postage. Tenders must be delivered before 11 a.m. on the date named.

**SHOREDITCH.**—The borough electrical engineer having pointed out the serious consequences which would result if the largest feed pump at Whiston Street station should break down temporarily, and the necessity of providing an additional pump which would be available in such a contingency, the Lighting Committee is obtaining quotations for a boiler feed pump dealing with at least 5,000 gallons per hour. The estimated cost is £100.

**RUSSIA.**—The municipal authorities of Wilna are about to invite tenders for the supply of a tubular boiler, steam turbine and dynamo for the central electric lighting station.

**SPAIN, PONTEVEDRA, October 22nd.**—The municipal authorities require tenders for installation and working of electric lighting in the town, &c., for 30 years. Particulars may be obtained from the Ayuntamiento Constitucional.

**TORO, October 30th.**—The municipal authorities require tenders for the installation, maintenance, &c., of public and private electric lighting for 10 years. Particulars may be obtained from the Ayuntamiento Constitucional, to which authority tenders are to be addressed.

**CONTRACTS.**

**TOBARRA.**—Tenders have just been invited by the municipal authorities of Tobarra (province of Albacete) for concession for the electric lighting of the town during a period of four years, by the municipal authorities of Albox (Valencia province) for a term of 10 years.

**MADRID, November 5th.**—The B. Works Department requires tenders the construction and equipment a lighthouse at Machichaco (Bisc. estimated to cost over ½ million pes. 1 per cent. deposit is required. A 1 agent is advisable.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, June, 1907.** The municipal authorities of Bu Ayres are reported to be about to invite tenders for the concession for the construction and working of an underground electric tramway in the city. Ten will be received until June 1st, 1908, particulars may be had from the Lega in Paris.

**AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE, November 12th.**—6,000 dry cells for the Deputy Postmaster-General of Victoria, Commonwealth Offices, 72, Victoria St. S.W., or Board of Trade Commonwealth Intelligence Department. Specifications can be seen at the offices of the "Elect. Review."

**MELBOURNE, October 30th.**—95,000 candescent lamps for the City Council. See "Official Notices" to-day.

**NEW SOUTH WALES, December 11.** Tenders will be received at the offices of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, for the supply and delivery, at the City Exchange, General Post Office, of the following:—1,000 telephones; 1 common battery; 100 telephones; 1 common battery. Specifications may be seen at the offices of the "Elect. Review."

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| Vegetable asbestos produced in Chungking ... ..   | 24th Oct., 1907                        | 183                 |
| Locally manufactured native silk from Crete ... ..  | 17th " "                               | 120-1               |
| Gum arabic from Egypt ... ..  | 3rd " "                                | 83                  |
| Talc from Venezuela... ..   | " " "                                  | 29                  |
| Salt from Dealesville, Orange River Colony ... ..   | 26th Sept., "                          | 615                 |
| Locally dyed cotton cloth sold in Chungking ... ..  | 12th " "                               | 518                 |
| <i>Fruit of the Myristica sebifera and its product Myristina</i><br>(a vegetable fat) from Guatemala ... ..                                   | 5th " "                                | 481                 |
| Mangrove bark from Inhambane ... ..   | " " "                                  | 477                 |
| Monazite sand, manganese ore, cocoa, coffee, rubber,<br>whale-oil, rosewood, carnauba wax and coquilho nuts<br>from the State of Bahia ... .. | } 22nd Aug., "                         | { 376<br>382<br>383 |
| Cotton goods sold in Uskub ... ..   |  |                     |
| Rafia wax from Madagascar ... ..  |  |                     |
| Silk produced by improved methods at Hochou ... ..  | 1st " "                                | 230                 |
| " Pochote" fibre, cleaned, from Mexico ... ..   | 4th July, "                            | 39                  |
| Angola root rubber, and Pungo Andongo rubber ... ..   | " " "                                  | 34                  |
| Sardines canned at Nagasaki ... ..  | " " "                                  | 84                  |
| Bark, also pine-apple fibre, from Inhambane ... ..  | 27th June, "                           | 621                 |
| Milk and cocoons from Persia ... ..   | 20th " "                               | 575                 |
| Cotton cloth sold in Albania... ..  | 13th " "                               | 525                 |
|   | 6th " "                                | 455-9               |
|   | " " "                                  | 472                 |

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—India, Dominion of Canada, Queensland, Transvaal and Orange River Colony. Statements of the objects and work of these Enquiry Offices will be found on pp. 195-6.

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### BRITISH INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of (1) Carriages and fittings; (2) Wheels and axles. The conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director-General of Stores, India Office, Whitehall, S.W., and

**Railway  
Material.**

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tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, the 5th November, 1907, after which time no tender will be received.

A copy of the conditions may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 78, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The Directors of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company are prepared to receive Tenders for the supply

**Railway Stores.** of the following stores, namely:—Steel and iron work for bridges, stationery, &c., fencing and signal wire strand, helical and volute springs, carbolic acid powder and fluid, locks, &c. Specifications and Forms of Tender may be obtained at the Company's Offices, 48, Copthall Avenue, London, E.C., on payment of the fee for the specification, which payment will not be returned. Tenders must be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Steel and Iron Work for Bridges," or as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m., on the 31st October. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

The Madras Railway Company are prepared to receive, until noon

**Railway Material.** on the 11th November, tenders for the supply and delivery, f.o.b., of carriage door locks with handles, carriage window fasteners and carriage door hinges, in accordance with the specification to be seen at the Company's Offices, 1, Broad Street Place, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C. Tenders are to be delivered in sealed envelopes (supplied by the Company). The directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. A charge (which cannot be refunded) will be made for each copy of the specification.

#### **BRITISH INDIA—BURMA.**

A supplement to the "Burma Gazette" of 21st September

**Lease of Government Rubber Plantation.** announces that the lease of the Government Rubber Plantation at Mergui, Tenasserim, Lower Burma, is offered for sale for a period of 30 years with the right to renewal for a further period of 20 years. The area to be

leased is planted with rubber and is estimated to cover 1,897 acres, on which, it is believed, some 340,000 rubber trees (*Hevea brasiliensis*) are now alive. Of these trees some 8,000 are over six years old and of these more than 3,000 are over 2 feet in girth. A memorandum giving full particulars and a copy of the agreement the purchaser will be expected to enter into, can be obtained on application to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Burma. A

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copy of the memorandum may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Tenders, which will be received up to noon on the 31st March, 1908, and which should be addressed to the Revenue Secretary, Government of Burma, Rangoon, are invited for the purchase of the lease of the estate, subject to no further payment other than Rs. 5 per acre land revenue, which will become payable only after the lapse of five years. The purchase money may, if desired, be paid in five yearly instalments, the first payable on the execution of the lease. The Government of Burma does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

### CEYLON.

According to the Ceylon Customs Administration Report for 1906, there is a good opening in that Island for cheap perfumery. During the last ten years, however, the imports of British manufactures in this line have remained practically stationary, while those from Germany have increased by about five times. The value of imports of perfumery from Germany rose from Rs. 18,000 in 1905 to Rs. 51,000 in 1906. The reason given for Germany's success in this trade is that her supply is almost entirely confined to the cheapest scents, which are in great demand in the villages and in the interior. So cheap indeed are some of them that a phial of so-called *eau de cologne* is now imported at a value of from 15 to 25 cents. It is merely slightly scented water containing no spirit, its sole pretension to genuineness being the name and label. It is noteworthy that all these imitation *eaux de cologne* are labelled "*qualité No. 4*," the reason being that a certain well-known *eau de cologne* has the figure "4" on the label. The ignorant native purchaser unable to read the European characters looks out for the figure "4," and is quite satisfied if he sees it on the label. Consequently what was originally the number in a street where *eau de cologne* was sold has now become the mark of its quality.

The Report also states that toilet soap is another article in which German manufacturers are competing with success, the imports from that country having increased from Rs. 22,000 in 1905 to Rs. 25,000 in 1906. During the same period the exports from Great Britain rose from Rs. 212,000 to Rs. 217,000, and though this increase is proportionately less than that of Germany, it must be noted that the United Kingdom sends to Ceylon 84 per cent. of the toilet soap imported. The increase in the quantity of soap imported into Ceylon is very great. Ten years ago Rs. 189,000 worth (toilet and bar) was imported, while in 1906 the total value amounted to Rs. 423,000.

#### **Cheap Scented Soap.**

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In addition to the soap imported, oils and soap berries are freely used; but the present standard of comfort demands a display of soap—the more highly scented the better. Accordingly there is a great demand for cheap scented soap, and of this the German manufacturers make a speciality. There is probably no trade in which there have been so many cases of infringement of trade marks as the soap business. Many of the foreign soaps are put on the market in a manner almost exactly similar to that of the best English makes.

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**CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.**, whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Commercial Enquiries.****HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London firm are desirous of representing a reliable Canadian **codfish** curer who may be seeking to do business in Great Britain and Europe generally, preferably one prepared to export large quantities to Italy, Portugal and Greece.

A London firm wish to be placed in touch with large buyers in Canada of **bricks**, as they are in a position to make advantageous offers.

Enquiry is made by an importer at Aberdeen respecting Canadian firms desirous of forwarding consignments from the Dominion of **apples and dairy produce**.

A Liverpool firm who are large dealers and distributors of all kinds of green fruit having a large connexion are desirous of getting into touch with shippers of Canadian **apples**.

A London firm are desirous of being placed in direct touch with Canadian buyers of **glass bottles and jars**.

A Scottish firm engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of **fire extinguishers and ventilators** of every description wish to be placed in communication with good firms in Canada who would be willing to take up their agency.

A London firm of clothing manufacturers in a position to undertake contract work on a large scale are desirous of hearing from Canadian buyers of **ready-made clothing**.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.**, whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

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**CANADA—continued.****HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A firm manufacturing **ready-made clothing** are prepared to appoint suitable Canadian resident agents.

A London firm would be pleased to hear from Canadian firms shipping **lumber and wood manufactures** generally.

A London firm doing business in **drug and chemical specialties** wish to get into communication with Canadian importers.

A London firm of export commission merchants, in close touch with the best manufacturers of **dry goods and hardware**, offer their services as buyers, shippers and agents to Canadian houses.

**INDIAN ENQUIRY.**

A merchant in Calcutta who ships **teas** in air-tight tin packets, would like to get into correspondence with Canadian firms prepared to do business in same.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRY.**

A Canadian firm desire the addresses of United Kingdom manufactures of **pom-poms and drapery fringes**.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Writing on the subject of the need among Canadian farmers of mechanical traction power, whether generated by steam or gas, the Winnipeg "Farmer's Advocate" states that few devices have as bright a prospect of meeting a demand as have agricultural motors, weighing about four or five tons, and capable of taking the place of six to eight horses.

**Light  
Agricultural  
Motors.**

It may be noted, in connexion with the above, that it is understood that the Winnipeg Industrial Fair Board may offer prizes, open to all comers, at their forthcoming exhibition in 1908, for the best light agricultural motor under five tons.

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**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Melbourne (Mr. Max Hirsch) has forwarded copies of specifications and conditions of tender issued in connexion with the following contracts open to public tender, viz. :—

**Telephone  
Material.**

1. The supply and delivery at Melbourne of five sections of a telephone switchboard for incoming junction lines, for the Central Telephone Exchange, Victoria—tenders to be delivered to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, by the 17th December, 1907;

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2. The supply and delivery at the Post and Telegraph Stores, Brisbane, of insulators, iron spindles, and soft drawn copper wire—tenders to be delivered to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, by the 16th December, 1907;

3. The supply and delivery at the Departmental Stores, Port Adelaide, of a common battery switchboard, 400 subscribers' telephones and 400 protectors—tenders to be delivered to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Adelaide, by the 11th March, 1908.

The specifications and conditions may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Tender forms, &c, may be obtained at the Australian Commonwealth Offices in London, 72, Victoria Street, S.W., where also preliminary deposits on tenders may be paid.

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Agent-General for New South Wales has been notified by a firm of flint-glass manufacturers in that Colony that they are about to lay down a large up-to-date plant, and would be pleased to enter into correspondence with manufacturers of all classes of raw materials and machinery applicable to that business.

For further information regarding the above, application should be made to the Agent-General for New South Wales, 123 and 125, Cannon Street, London, E.C.

### ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Kroonstad (Mr. C. Selby-Lowndes) has forwarded particulars of a loan about to be raised for the purpose of carrying out certain public works in that town. The following are among the projected works:—Surface water drainage (14,700*l.*), streets and public improvements (25,300*l.*), water-works and filtration scheme (9,000*l.*), new gravitating and supply mains (3,000*l.*), new generating station (3,000*l.*).

### FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of the Federated Malay States, invite tenders for the supply of about 3,270 tons of 80 lb. Bessemer steel rails and about 830 tons of angle fishplates. Forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained on application at the offices of the Crown Agents, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.), on payment of a

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deposit of 1*l.*, returnable on receipt of a *bond fide* tender for the whole or part of the supplies required. Tenders (in sealed envelopes) are to be delivered to the Crown Agents not later than noon on the 31st October, 1907, endorsed "Tender for Rails and Fishplates—Federated Malay States Railways." The Crown Agents do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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### EGYPT.

The Administration of the Egyptian State Railways invite tenders for the construction of a double-track bridge at Kocheicha, in accordance with the specification and plans that may be obtained at the office of their Inspecting Engineer in London, Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, S.W., on payment of 1*l.* Intending tenderers must lodge in the Central Treasury of the Administration at Cairo a provisional deposit of £E 500. Tenders, accompanied by a stamped paper of 30 millièmes (also to be obtained from Lieut.-Col. Western) and the receipt for the provisional deposit, and enclosed in two envelopes, the inner bearing the inscription "Tender for the Construction of a Double-track Bridge at Kocheicha," must be delivered by registered post to the General Manager, Egyptian State Railways, Cairo, by noon on the 16th December.

A copy of the specification and a set of the plans may be inspected by British contractors at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The Egyptian War Department invite tenders for the supply of chevrons and badges. Full particulars may be obtained from Lieut.-Col. Western, as above, who will receive tenders up to the 4th December.

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### RUSSIA.

H.M. Consul at Riga (Mr. A. Woodhouse) reports that this year's potato crop in the province of Livonia, particularly in the district of Wolmar, is so abundant that after providing for home consumption a large surplus remains for exportation. Mr. Woodhouse has received a communication from the President of the Kangershof Agricultural Society asking whether there is any possibility of introducing the potatoes to the English markets, and stating that the Society is prepared to open correspondence with good English houses interested in the trade.

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**NORWAY.**

H.M. Legation at Christiania have forwarded a translation of a notice that has appeared in the Norwegian press, announcing that tenders are invited for the purpose of increasing the mail service between Bergen and England by establishing a fourth weekly service. The new route is intended to be a combined mail and export route between Trondhjem, Christiansund, Aalesund, possibly Moldøen and Florø, Bergen, Haugesund, Stavanger, Grimsby, London, Newcastle, Stavanger, and back with the same ports of call to Trondhjem. In order that the route may also satisfy the requirements of fish exporters, it has been provisionally decided that the ships should leave Trondhjem on Friday morning, the time of departure from Aalesund thus being Saturday evening. Tenders must contain, besides a mention of the amount of subsidy required, details regarding the size and arrangement of the ships that are offered. Tenders will be binding until the end of March, 1908. It is intended that the service should be started at the beginning of the year 1909, and be maintained the whole year round under the usual conditions for subsidised steamship lines.

Further details may be obtained on applying in writing to the Postmaster-General, at Christiania, to whom sealed tenders, marked "Dampskibsfart Norge-England," should be sent before the end of October, 1907.

The British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) reports, on the authority of the Trondhjem local press, that it has been decided to establish a motor car service between Stenkjær at the end of the Trondhjem Fjord and Rødhammer on the way to Namsos. It is reported that if this proves a success other services may be taken into consideration in the district, including services for goods transport. Mr. Gray suggests, therefore, that British motor car and waggon manufacturers desiring to offer their goods in connexion with any new services which may be established, should keep in touch with the British Vice-Consulate at Namsos with a view to making offers, as soon as opportunity occurs, in the proper quarter.

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**NETHERLANDS.**

The Acting British Consul at Rotterdam (Mr. J. W. Van Dyk) reports that the Municipality of that city will receive tenders up to the 4th November for the supply and delivery of cast-iron pipes, sluice valves and hydrants, and up to the 18th November for the supply and delivery of 1,500 street syphons.

**Cast-iron Pipes,  
Sluice Valves,  
Hydrants and  
Street Syphons.**

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Copies of the specifications, together with drawings, may be seen by British makers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### GERMANY.

H.M. Consul-General at Berlin (Dr. P. Schwabach) has forwarded particulars and a form of tender and contract

**Iron Material.** relating to the supply to the Prussian State Railway Directorates at Berlin, Magdeburg,

Halle-on-Saale, Stettin, Dantzig, Bromberg, and Koenigsberg (Prussia), of the following materials:—

5,089,700 kilos. of bar-iron in 25 lots; 129,400 kilos. of hoop or band iron in 3 lots; 259,000 kilos. of boiler plates in 5 lots; 2,398,800 kilos. of iron sheets in 18 lots; 94,000 kilos. of cracking ring iron in three lots; 248 bent iron sheets (for the lids of covered goods trucks) in 2 lots; 654,000 kilos. of angle-iron in 11 lots; 474,000 kilos. of figured bar-iron in 7 lots; and 28,100 kilos. of locomotive smoke arch tubular walls of ingot iron in 3 lots.

Sealed tenders, inscribed "Angebot auf Stabeisen pp.," must be delivered to "Das Rechnungsbureau, 1-4 Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W., 35," not later than 10.30 a.m. on the 13th November, 1907. Tenders are to hold good until 13th December, 1907.

Forms of tender and contract may be obtained at the "Zentralbureau, Zimmer 420," 1-4 Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35, on payment of 1s. 6<sup>d</sup>. each (by Post Office order or Postal Order, but not in stamps). Copies may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Consul at Stettin (Mr. R. Bernal) reports that a firm in that town are prepared to act as agents for the sale of British shipbuilding materials, such as plates, angles, &c., on commission or otherwise.

Applications from British firms should be sent to H.M. Consul at Stettin.

#### BELGIUM.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of 26th October announces that tenders are invited by the Société Nationale des Chemins de fer vicinaux, for the construction of the section between Genck and Bilsen on the railway from Genck to Liège, with a branch from Houtain-Saint Siméon to Liège. The estimated cost is 191,143 francs (about 7,645*l.*). A deposit of 19,000 francs (about 760*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders will be received at the offices of the Société, Rue de la Science 14, Brussels, up to the 26th November, where also plans and estimates may be seen, and conditions of contract obtained.

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#### FRANCE.

The French "Journal Officiel" of 15th October contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply of 1,670 kilogs.

**Animal Hair.** of twisted animal hair. Further particulars may be obtained from the "Bureau du Commissariat-

Général et du Service de la Flotte" at Lorient, and from Paris at the Admiralty ("Bureau des Approvisionnements de la Flotte, &c.") Tenders should be sent to the "Commissariat-Général de la Marine," Lorient, before the 12th November.

#### FRANCE-ALGERIA.

With reference to the notice on p. 547 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 19th September last, respecting

**Sale of Cedar Wood.** the intended sale at Constantine on 15th January, 1908, of 100,000 cubic metres of

cedar wood, the British Vice-Consul at Bône (Mr. H. Scratchley, M.V.O.) has forwarded a copy of the *Cahier des Charges* governing the sale, which may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### SPAIN.

The Acting British Consul at Bilbao (Mr. J. Innes) has forwarded a translation from "El Sella" from which it appears that the project for new harbour works at Rivadesella was approved at the Council of Ministers on the 25th September. Mr. Innes adds that no further information is available yet, but according to local rumours the work is to be done by "administracion" and not under contract.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 15th October contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the construction of two iron bridges over the rivers

**Bridge Work.** Guadalteba and Turón, on the carriage road

between Peñarrubia and Alora, in the province of Malaga, at the estimated cost of 96,577 pesetas (about 3,425*l.*). A deposit of 4,900 pesetas (about 174*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary. Tenders should be sent in to the Dirección General de Obras Públicas, Madrid, not later than 18th November.

The "Gaceta" of 18th October contains a copy of a decree authorising the "Ayuntamiento" of Orio, in

**Dock Works.** the province of Guipuzcoa, to prolong the dock existing in the neighbourhood of the "Matadero"

for the benefit of the fishing industry of Orio.

The "Gacetas" containing further particulars may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73 Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**ITALY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) reports that a public competition will be held simultaneously at the Royal Arsenal (Contract Offices) of Spezia and Venice at 11 a.m. on the 8th November when sealed tenders will be received for a contract for the supply to the Italian Navy at Spezia of homogeneous iron in special boiler plates for the estimated value of 15,261 lire (about 610*l.*). A deposit of 1,525 lire (about 61*l.*) will be required to qualify any tender.

A copy of the special conditions of contract may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Each tender should be made out on Government stamped paper of 1 lira. Local representation is necessary.

The expenses of registration, printing and stamp duty are payable by the successful tenderer.

The Italian "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 14th October announces that tenders are invited for building and accessory work in connexion with the construction of workmen's dwellings in Via Quinzano, Brescia, at the estimated cost of 60,000 lire (about 2,400*l.*). A deposit of 5,000 lire (about 200*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders should be sent in to the "Municipio," Brescia, on stamped paper of the value of 1.20 lire, not later than 5th November.

The "Gazzetta" of 17th October announces that tenders are invited for the construction of a new breakwater south of the harbour of Catania, at the estimated cost of 876,000 lire (about 35,040*l.*). A deposit of 50,000 lire (about 2,400*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of 1 lira to the "Ministerio dei Lavori Pubblici, Rome," not later than 4th November.

With reference to the notice on p. 596 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th September, respecting a call for tenders for the conveyance of drinking water from the Occhio and Pino springs for distribution in Collesano, the "Gazzetta" of 18th October announces that, as no offers were received, tenders are again invited. The estimated cost is 40,198 lire (about 1,608*l.*). Tenders must be sent in to the "Municipio," Collesano, not later than 3rd November.

The "Gazzettas," containing further details relative to the foregoing notices, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

The "Lieferungswesen" of 17th October contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply of chain material for cranes for the workshops at Pilsen. Tenders will be received up till 29th October at the "K.K. Staatsbahndirektion" at Pilsen, where further particulars may be obtained.

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**ROUMANIA.**

The "Curierul Financiar" of 30th September (13th October) states that the "Ministère des Domaines" intends shortly to send abroad a special commission to purchase pure-bred stock to the amount of 500,000 frs. The prices to be paid are: for bullocks, 600 frs.; for colts, from 600 to 700 frs.; for cows, from 700 to 900 frs.; for he-goats, 100 frs.; and for she-goats, from 80 to 100 frs.

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**MONTENEGRO.**

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Cettinge reports that tenders are invited by the Montenegrin Administration des Postes et des Télégraphes for the transport by motor car of mails and passengers on certain specified routes in the Principality and from Cettinge to Cattaro. Tenders will be received up to the 28th November, and applications for detailed information should be addressed to the Direction Générale des Postes at Cettinge.

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**MEXICO.**

The "Diario Oficial" of 5th October contains notices of the following applications for appropriating the water of certain rivers for motive power:—  
**Hydro-Electric Plant.**

1. By the "Ayuntamiento" of Sabinas for appropriating the waters of the Río Sabinas, in the State of Coahuila.

2. By Señor Victor Manuel Castillo for the river Chimalapa, in the State of Chiapas.

3. By Señor Manuel Macías for the river Abra de Caballeros, in the State of San Luis Potosi.

4. By Señor José de Jesús García for the Río de la Laja, in the State of Guanajuato.

The "Diario" of 7th October contains a notice of a contract made by the Government with Mr. Frederick M. Sackett for appropriating the water of the river Tula or Moctezuma, in the State of Hidalgo.

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**BRAZIL.**

H.M. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. A. Chapman) has forwarded an extract from the Brazilian "Diario Official" of the 2nd October, announcing that the Central Railway of Brazil have issued a call for tenders, which will be received till noon on the 20th November in the office of the Superintendent of the line, at Rio de Janeiro, for the supply of the following materials during the first half of the year 1908:—165,000 litres of machine (engine) oil, 165,000 litres of cylinder oil, 220,000 litres of carriage oil, 65,000 kilos. of white cotton waste, and 23,000 kilos. of wool waste. Local representation is necessary, and a deposit of 1,000 milreis (about 62l. 10s.) is required to qualify any tender.

The conditions of tender, together with a translation of some of the most important points, may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

The "Boletin Oficial" of 21st September contains a copy of a decree authorising Messrs. Eduardo Dossin & Co. to construct and exploit, during a period of forty years, a commercial port for ocean-going and coasting steamers near the mouth of the "Laguna de San Pedro," on the river Paraná, opposite the island of Arnaldo.

The "Boletin" of 25th September contains a copy of a decree authorising the Executive Department to expend 8,950,000 dollars gold (about 1,790,000l.) in works for enlarging and improving the accommodation for merchant shipping in the "Darsena Norte," Buenos Ayres.

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**EXHIBITION.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

The Board of Trade have notified that an International Shoe and Leather Fair is to be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, London, N., during the week from 4th to 9th November. The offices of the exhibition are at 40, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.

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## CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.

The second meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Iron and Steel Trades** was held on the 17th October at the offices of the Board of Trade. Those present were:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the Chair); Sir Hugh Bell, Bart.; Sir W. Thomas Lewis, Bart.; Sir Robert Giffen, K.C.B.; Mr. E. Parkes, M.P.; Mr. Bennett H. Brough; Mr. H. J. Skelton; Mr. J. R. Winpenny; Mr. William Wylie; Professor S. J. Chapman; Mr. H. W. Macrosty, and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (Acting Secretary).

A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Woollen and Worsted Industries** was held on the 21st October at the offices of the Board of Trade. There were present:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the Chair); Mr. William H. Mitchell, J.P.; Mr. T. Craig-Brown; Mr. P. Anderson; Mr. M. Crothers; Mr. J. E. Fawcett, J.P.; Mr. James Hill; Mr. Frederick Hooper; Mr. A. H. Illingworth; Mr. J. Peate; Mr. J. R. Raper; Mr. W. A. Whitehead; Professor S. J. Chapman; Mr. H. W. Macrosty; and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (Acting Secretary).

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## TRADE CONDITIONS IN BRAZIL.

The following particulars relating to current trade conditions in Brazil are based on a report which has been received from H.M. Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. A. Chapman):—

During the last few years, government and municipal works, company undertakings, foreign loans and investments have caused an influx of capital into Brazil, and increased the demand for foreign goods. The returns of imports were swollen by the free importation for Government use, or under concessions obtained, of material and goods which under ordinary circumstances would have been restricted by the protective duties. At the same time the higher exchange and more especially the greater stability of exchange was advantageous to importers, and the Custom House reforms in 1906 and greater strictness in the collection of duties increased the Customs receipts. These are some of the causes that have increased the import trade, but since the 30th June last these high figures are falling off.

When the imported article can withstand the heavy percentage in Customs dues and still compete with native manufactures, the merchant takes advantage of high rates of exchange to increase his stock-in-trade, and at present\* stocks are full.

Foreign loans are being absorbed, yet work in municipal improvements and government buildings is partially suspended for lack of funds. Taxation has caused an increase in living expenses

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\* Report dated 23rd September.

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*Trade Conditions in Brazil.*

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in spite of the higher exchange, and this not only restricts consumption, but increases the cost of production. Failures in small concerns have increased, and many retail stores and shops are heavily hypothecated. Commerce, except in coffee, is stagnant, and the more substantial firms are restricting their business.

Receipts of specie have so far been heavy. Foreign banks have paid into the Caixa de Conversão (the Conversion office) large amounts of gold coin imported for the purpose, for which they have received convertible notes guaranteed at 15 pence. These notes are mostly held in deposit by the banks, but there is a large amount of these notes issued other than that held by the banks, which is not in general circulation, nor is it apparent where these notes are. It would seem that these guaranteed notes are being held as a speculation against a fall in exchange, when the Conversion Department would be called on to exchange them for the gold held in deposit.

Efforts are being made by the governing powers to develop agriculture, promote immigration, and increase production; but these efforts are not likely to meet with much success until the cost of living and the cost of production is reduced by lightening direct and indirect taxation, enabling the railways to reduce freights, allowing competition in the coasting trade, and reforming the mining laws.

Advertisements and exaggerated statements of the prosperity of the country have induced such people as clerks, mechanics, and others to come to Brazil seeking employment only to find that there are no openings and that living expenses are so excessive that they are soon reduced to penury. No one should come to Brazil for employment except under contract.

It has lately become the custom for some British firms to apply to the Consul for the names of dealers and consumers of goods with a view to trading direct; and this practice is often followed by a request to the Consul to recover bad debts. Unless merchants and manufacturers have their own agents or representatives on the spot, they should employ a commission agent to safeguard themselves against non-payment, bogus companies, and fraudulent bankruptcies. Commissions no doubt are a heavy charge on business, but outsiders cannot obtain a footing in a foreign market without paying for it.

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## MINERAL PRODUCTION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1906.

The following table, showing the quantity and value of the minerals produced in the United Kingdom in 1906, as compared with 1905, is taken from the General Report and Statistics on Mines and Quarries, 1906, Part III., recently issued by the Home Office:—

| Description of Mineral.             | 1905.       |                                  | 1906.       |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
|                                     | Quantity.   | Value at the Mines and Quarries. | Quantity.   | Value at the Mines and Quarries. |
|                                     | Tons.       | £                                | Tons.       | £                                |
| Alum shale... ..                    | 7,131       | 1,609                            | 9,454       | 1,978                            |
| Arsenical pyrites ... ..            | 641         | 15A*                             | 640         | 952                              |
| Arsenic ... ..                      | 1,528       | 7,493                            | 1,599       | 22,313                           |
| Barytes ... ..                      | 29,063      | 29,618                           | 35,745      | 35,282                           |
| Bauxite ... ..                      | 7,300       | 1,825                            | 6,654       | 2,728                            |
| Bog ore ... ..                      | 3,205       | 801                              | 5,425       | 1,556                            |
| Chalk ... ..                        | 4,535,584   | 196,480                          | 4,749,310   | 203,224                          |
| Chert and flint ... ..              | 70,677      | 14,433                           | 68,209      | 14,803                           |
| Clay and shale ... ..               | 15,134,754  | 1,763,008                        | 15,291,352  | 1,768,023                        |
| Coal... ..                          | 236,128,936 | 82,038,553                       | 251,067,628 | 91,529,266                       |
| Copper ore... ..                    | 6,903       | 21,796                           | 7,478       | 26,466                           |
| Copper precipitate ... ..           | 250         | 10,900                           | 280         | 12,800                           |
| Fluor Spar... ..                    | 39,446      | 19,557                           | 41,849      | 20,023                           |
| Gold ore ... ..                     | 15,981      | 17,787                           | 17,384      | 5,343                            |
| Gravel and sand ... ..              | 2,241,620   | 170,205                          | 2,366,985   | 177,996                          |
| Gypsum ... ..                       | 255,508     | 82,342†                          | 225,027     | 74,563                           |
| Igneous rocks ... ..                | 5,956,900   | 1,288,344                        | 6,165,750   | 1,223,611                        |
| Iron ore ... ..                     | 14,590,703‡ | 3,482,184                        | 15,500,406§ | 4,085,428                        |
| Iron pyrites ... ..                 | 12,186      | 4,789                            | 11,140      | 4,953                            |
| Lead ore ... ..                     | 27,649      | 244,752                          | 30,795      | 341,403                          |
| Limestone (other than chalk) ... .. | 12,501,780  | 1,410,526                        | 12,758,588  | 1,368,375                        |
| Manganese ore ... ..                | 14,474      | 11,634                           | 22,762      | 22,983                           |
| Mica ... ..                         | 11,640      | 3,858                            | 11,384      | 4,530                            |
| Ochre, umber, &c.... ..             | 16,237      | 15,462                           | 14,210      | 14,641                           |
| Oil shale ... ..                    | 2,496,785   | 593,334                          | 2,546,522   | 657,928                          |
| Petroleum ... ..                    | 46          | 69                               | 10          | 15                               |
| Salt ... ..                         | 1,889,910   | 556,437                          | 1,965,151   | 595,984                          |
| Sandstone ... ..                    | 5,640,684   | 1,634,357                        | 5,261,150   | 1,504,889                        |
| Silver ore ... ..                   | 14          | 306                              | cwt. 12     | 42                               |
| Slate ... ..                        | 514,524     | 1,466,916                        | 492,663     | 1,232,321                        |
| Sulphate of strontia ... ..         | 14,294      | 13,936                           | 14,112      | 13,768                           |
| Tin ore (dressed) ... ..            | 7,201       | 574,183                          | 7,153       | 713,184                          |
| Uranium ore ... ..                  | 103         |                                  | 11          |                                  |
| Wolfram ore ... ..                  | 172         | 11,357                           | 271         | 19,775                           |
| Zinc ore ... ..                     | 23,909      | 139,806                          | 22,824      | 142,054                          |
| Total values ... ..                 | —           | 95,828,812†                      | —           | 105,842,992                      |

\* Value of 141 tons only.

† Corrected figures.

‡ Exclusive of 443 tons of micaceous iron ore, used for paint, and placed under the heading "Ochre, umber, &c."

§ Exclusive of 436 tons of micaceous iron ore, used for paint, and placed under the heading "Ochre, umber, &c."

|| Value not yet ascertained.

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*Mineral Production of the United Kingdom in 1906.*

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The increase in the total value of the minerals raised during the year is accounted for by the increased output of coal and a rise in the average price of coal, viz., from 6s. 11·38d. per ton in 1905 to 7s. 3·49d. in 1906.

The total output of coal—251,067,628 tons—was the highest hitherto recorded.

The quantity of coal exported, exclusive of coke and patent fuel, and of coal shipped for the use of steamers engaged in foreign trade, was 55,599,771 tons, an increase of more than 8,000,000 tons on the exports for 1905. France received nearly 9,500,000 tons, Germany and Italy each over 7,500,000 tons, Sweden over 3,500,000 tons and Russia, Spain, Denmark, the Netherlands, Egypt and Argentina each over 2,000,000 tons. Adding the 2,598,194 tons exported in the form of coke and patent fuel, and the 18,590,213 tons shipped for the use of British and foreign steamers engaged in foreign trade, the total quantity of coal which left the country was 76,788,178 tons. The amount of coal remaining for home consumption was 174,279,450 tons, or 3·992 tons per head of the population. 20,694,641 tons were used in the blast furnaces for the manufacture of pig-iron, as against 19,255,555 tons in the previous year, 35,402,677 tons were used in the manufacture of coke and 1,399,542 tons in the manufacture of briquettes. 19,296,526 tons of coke were obtained in 1906, valued at 12,549,116l., and 29,728 coking ovens were in use during the year. 1,513,220 tons of briquettes, valued at 899,046l., were produced.

The output of iron ore—15,500,406 tons—shows an increase of 909,703 tons, and the value—4,085,428l.—an increase of 603,244l., on that of 1905. The ore yielded 5,040,360 tons of iron, or nearly one-half of the total quantity of pig-iron made in the country. 7,823,084 tons of iron ore were imported during the year, over 76 per cent. of which came from Spain.

Copper, iron, lead and tin show an increase on the figures of 1905 in both the amount and value of the metal obtained.

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## RAISIN EXPORT TRADE OF DENIA.

The following particulars of the raisin export business at Denia are extracted from a lengthy report received from the Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell):—

The exports to England from the Valencia raisin ports, *i.e.*, Denia, Valencia, Javea, Gandia and Alicante, represent well over 80 per cent. of the total imports of raisins into the British Isles, and of these ports the export from Denia is considerably greater than from any other Spanish port.

The lines on which the business is conducted in the English market are similar to those adopted in the orange trade (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st February last, pp. 379-80), the fruit being bought from the farmers by packers who send it in boxes on consignment to brokers for sale by auction in the sale rooms. In the raisin trade, however, brokers and packers have sufficiently controlled their transactions to cease making advances to the growers. The only credit transactions nowadays are those of the "Banqueros" in the inland centres of Ondara, Gata, Vergel and Pedreguer, who pack for farmers, consign the fruit and recover their expenses and commission when the sales have been made. The old established "Banqueros" get advances from brokers and agents early in the year, against an undertaking to consign their fruit to them in due season, but the more recently established do not enjoy this privilege and the profession is dying out.

The fruit is generally scalded by the farmer and brought for sale to packers in Denia whither it is sent from the surrounding districts in carts or on mule back, the railways being rarely used owing to high rates. In some cases, usually when packers are offering bad prices or when a farmer has particularly fine fruit, the farmers do their own packing and either sell to dealers in Denia or consign the fruit themselves to agents on the foreign markets.

The shipments of the 1905 and 1906 crops from Valencia, Gandia and Denia to the different ports up to 8th May, 1906 and 1907, were 553,850 cwt. and 323,685 cwt., respectively, London's share in the former year being 149,191 cwt. and in the latter 112,404 cwt..

The London and Liverpool business, which is the most important, is done almost entirely through brokers, while shipments to all other markets are made in execution of orders placed by buyers, either directly or through the packer's agent. Shipments are rarely made on consignment to Germany, where prices are bad. Denmark buys direct. The leading Denia packers have commission agents in Canada where the business formerly controlled entirely by two firms is now divided among a number of packers. Owing to competition from California the demand in the United States for Denia raisins has almost ceased.

The finest fruit is sent to London, which pays the best prices. Dublin is the only British or Irish market which buys the fruit

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*Raisin Export Trade of Denia.*

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packed in layers—a style adopted chiefly by Canadian and American buyers.

Denia raisins for the English market are packed in oblong boxes, made of pine-wood, holding 7, 14, or 28 lb. The American market takes them packed in layers, four layers going to a box of 28 lb.

The most important manures used by the raisin growers are superphosphates of lime, sulphate of ammonia, and sulphur. The bulk of the business is in the hands of a Valencia firm, who are in a position to sell on easy terms, and who, being important raisin shippers, are able conveniently to make suitable arrangements with farmers for liquidation of accounts.

Land in the Denia district is divided into two classes—the “Palmar,” or palm-growing land in the fertile plain, and the second rate or “Campuso” on the higher ground.

One Hanegada (1 acre = 4 4-5ths hanegadas) of land contains on an average 220 vines producing 5 quintals (or cwt.) of raisins. The average price per quintal is from 15 to 25 pesetas giving a gross revenue per hanegada of 100 to 125 pesetas. The cost of cultivating a hanegada and putting the produce in the packers' warehouse is estimated at 50 pesetas or 10 pesetas per quintal.

The value of raisin growing land is estimated at 800 pesetas per hanegada for first-class land, and anything from 150 pesetas upwards for cultivated “Monte” or mountain land.

As in Valencia there is a most remarkable lack of combination among those engaged in the raisin trade of Denia, and here again the wharfingers and stevedores have made most progress in this direction. The Denia Labourers' Union have fixed the following tariff for loading into lighters:—Inside or outside the port 17 cents per cwt., exclusive of the hire of the lighter (amounting to 13 cents per cwt.), which falls upon the shipper. The only other example of successful combination has been between the agents and brokers in London who have cornered the business in the last four years. Agents receiving fruit on consignment cannot now sell direct to buyers; the business must go through the brokers. In the same way brokers undertake to refuse to receive any consignment except through the agents. The sufferers by this arrangement are the shipper and the consumer.

As in the case of oranges the bulk of the Denia raisin trade is with foreign countries, only a small fraction of the production being taken by Spain herself.

Some raisins (estimated in 1905 at 10,000 cwt.) are sent inland by carts. The coasting trade in 1905 amounted to 828 tons, most of which is sent to Aguilas and the remainder to the Malaga distilleries.

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## PETROLEUM IN ROUMANIA.

H.M. Minister at Bucharest has forwarded the following memorandum on the development of the petroleum industry in Roumania:—

“Although petroleum can be traced back in Roumania to the year 1832, when it was employed by peasants as a lubricant, and although as early as 1856 a refinery was installed in Bucharest, which claims the privilege of having been the first town in Europe to be lighted by petroleum, it is only of late years that the industry has attained universal repute. In 1866, owing to the rise in prices of petroleum abroad, Roumania, in spite of its limited production of 5,915 metric tons, was able to export as much as 2,712 metric tons to Marseilles alone. Shortly afterwards, however, owing to the primitive means of extraction employed and to the absence of railroads and general difficulties of transport, Roumania found herself unable to compete with other countries and the exploitation of petroleum was abandoned. But it was renewed in 1882 and continued on a small, though progressive, scale until 1898, when it quickly began to assume considerable proportions, as the following figures will show. From 1882 till 1897 the production increased from 19,000 to 79,000 tons, while from 1898 to 1906 it rose from 106,470 to 887,554 tons, and the first six months of the current year show a total of 555,482 tons. Roumania thus now comes fourth on the list of petroleum-producing countries after the United States, Russia and the Dutch Indies.

“This rapid development has gradually attracted foreign capital, the amount of which is now close upon 7,750,000*l.*; Germany being responsible for nearly 3,000,000*l.*, France for 1,250,000*l.*, and Holland for 900,000*l.* British capital which had been invested as far back as 1885 in Glodeni, and subsequently in Provitza and Bacau, was lost through want of experience, and its total now amounts to only 120,000*l.*

“The exploitation of petroleum is at present confined to the four districts of Prahova, Dambovitza, Buzeu and Bacau. The fields of the Prahova valley alone supply 95 per cent. of the total production, but there are other petroliferous regions as yet unexplored, the greater part of which belong to the State.

“The means employed for the extraction of petroleum are sounds and hand-wells. At the end of 1906 there were 451 sounds and 591 hand-wells at work, the production of the former representing 92 per cent. of the total. The depths at which the oil is reached vary from 500 to 1,800 feet but about 900 feet is the average. The average monthly production of a sound is estimated at 150.8 metric tons, and that of a hand-well at 9.9 metric tons.

“The transport from the oil-fields to the refineries is carried on by means of tank waggons or pipe lines, of which there are at present 36 kilometres (22½ miles). From the refineries to the various centres of consumption the oil is transported in tank waggons of 10 metric tons capacity. But the road and rail

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communications with the oil fields are insufficient, and one of the projects of the Government is notably to double the railway line leading to Campina (Prahova). In various stations and at the ports on the Danube, reservoirs capable of holding 100,000 tons have been erected for storing the oil. In Constantza, the principal outlet to the sea, special reservoirs have also been constructed, fitted with the latest appliances for shipping the oil, &c. Further works are now in hand for which this year alone a sum of 280,000*l.* has been set aside, and, when completed, it is calculated that 100,000 tons can be shipped annually from that port.

"There are a number of refineries capable of producing together 3,300 tons a day, or nearly  $1\frac{1}{4}$  million tons a year. The most important are "Steaua Romana" with a daily production of 1,200 tons, "Vega" with 900 tons, "Société Roumano-Américaine" and "Aurora" with 600 tons each.

"The principal products derived from Roumanian petroleum are benzine, lamp oil, lubricating oil, paraffin and "Pacura," made of the residues, and now used on nearly all Roumanian railways and steamers instead of wood and coal as heretofore.

"The export of oils, which in 1897 amounted only to 21,387 tons, of a value of 42,764*l.*, rose in 1906 to 321,119 tons, worth 1,045,553*l.*"

The following statement shows the output of petroleum in each of the four producing districts during the first six months of the years 1905, 1906 and 1907 :—

|           |     |     |     |     | First six months. |              |              |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
|           |     |     |     |     | 1905.             | 1906.        | 1907.        |
|           |     |     |     |     | Metric Tons.      | Metric Tons. | Metric Tons. |
| Prahova   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 251,378           | 339,977      | 529,450      |
| Dembovitz | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12,531            | 9,257        | 16,296       |
| Buzeu     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,653             | 5,921        | 4,606        |
| Bacau     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,610             | 4,356        | 4,130        |
| Total     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 272,167           | 409,511      | 555,482      |

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The "Indian Trade Journal," which was issued by the Indian Government on 26th September last, contains a notice to the effect that "cotton wicks" will be assessed to duty at the rate of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. *ad valorem*, under article 30 of Schedule IV. of the Import Tariff, on importation into British India.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

With reference to the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" for 19th September last, giving the new Australian Tariff proposals with a comparison of the rates of duty previously in force, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, a statement which has been presented to the Commonwealth Parliament, embodying the Tariff and giving the *old* rates in somewhat greater detail than in the above-mentioned Supplement.

The statement, which also gives the recommendations of the Tariff Commission, the amount of the importations under each heading, and the duty paid in respect of the various articles imported into the Commonwealth in 1906, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73 Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The undermentioned new rates of duty should be substituted for the rates given in respect of Tariff Nos. 64, 119 and 301 in the Supplement in question:—

| Item in<br>Tariff. | Article.   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|---|
|                    |  | General<br>Tariff. | Tariff on<br>United King-<br>dom Goods. |
| 64                 | Potato flour ... .. per lb.  | 2d.                | 2d.                                     |
| 119                | Curtains, blinds, n.e.l. (not including blinds attached to rollers); curtain clips, bands, loops and holders; and blind tassels and acorns ... .. <i>ad val.</i> | 25 %               | 20 %                                    |
| 301                | Chairs ... .. { each or <i>ad val.</i>   | 7s. 6d.<br>*30 %   | 7s. 6d.<br>*30 %                        |

\* Whichever rate returns the higher duty.

A copy of a cablegram from the Commonwealth Government has been received, through the Officer-in-charge of Customs Duties Passed. the Commonwealth offices in London, notifying that the duties under items 28 to 34 and 36-9 (viz., on sugar, living animals, sago and tapioca, blue, brooms,

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corn, millet, rice root, butter, and cheese) have been passed—the duties under items 28 to 33 to come into force on the 17th October. Biscuits, under item 35, are now accorded preferential treatment—and subject to a duty of 1*d.* per lb. when of United Kingdom production, and 1½*d.* per lb. otherwise.

A duty of 10*s.* each has been imposed on horses, under a new item 33*d.*

The excise duty of 5*l.* per lb. on saccharin has been postponed.

It is also stated that any reasonable proof will be accepted as evidence of the British origin of imported goods by the Customs Department, which will be guided by the general probabilities of each case, and will not be rigorous until the new Tariff has been settled.

It is further notified that the Bill which is being drafted in regard to the importation and sale of patent medicines will contain no legislative power to demand a statement of the composition of the medicine.

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington:—

| Articles.   | Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable. | Rate of Duty.                           |
|---|---|---|
| <i>Pickled walnuts</i> (walnuts plucked when green and before the shell of the nut has formed, and pickled in vinegar), dutiable as "pickles and sauces of all kinds" ... ..  | 241   | 40 % <i>ad val.</i>                     |
| <i>Irregular sawn pieces of talc</i> , about 5 inches in length, for use as pencils for marking on iron, shown to be the same as French chalk, dutiable as such ... ..  | 13  | 1 cent. per lb.                         |
| " <i>Black-eyed beans or peas</i> ," or <i>coupeas</i> , which, although more closely resembling beans than peas, are known in commerce as "black-eyed peas," dutiable on that account as "pease, dried, not specially provided for" ... .. | 250   | 30 cents. per bushel of 60 lbs.         |
| <i>Sweet red peppers</i> put up in liquid in tins, known as <i>pimientos</i> , dutiable as preserved vegetables ...   | 241   | 40 % <i>ad val.</i>                     |
| <i>Marmalade and berry jams</i> are not of the nature of jellies, but are classed under "comfits, sweet-meats and fruits preserved in sugar, &c." ...   | 263   | 1 cent. per lb. and 35 % <i>ad val.</i> |

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**TURKEY.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exportation of corn and barley, either ground or in grain, from Erzeroum, Erzingyan, Bayazid and Linis Sandjaks, is prohibited.

**Prohibition of  
Export of Corn  
and Barley.**

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**CHILE.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a Law recently promulgated in Chile, by Article I. of which it is provided that import duties and storage dues may be paid in gold in the manner established by the Law\* of 31st July, 1898, or in paper money with the corresponding increase necessary to obtain 18d. per peso in drafts on London at 90 days' sight. The President of the Republic will fix the surcharge before the fourth day of each month, taking as a basis the average of the international exchange in the previous month.

**Method of  
Payment of  
Import Duties  
and  
Storage Dues.**

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**JAPAN.**

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Yokohama reports that a notice was issued on 13th September to the effect that after 1st October duties would be levied on goods withdrawn from a bonded warehouse according to the rate in force at the time of withdrawal, and not according to the rate at the time the application for warehousing was made, as was formerly the case.

**Application of  
New Duties to  
Goods in Bonded  
Warehouses.**

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\* The Law of 31st July, 1898, provided for the issue of notes which could be used in the liquidation of all obligations, with certain exceptions, among the latter being import duties and storage dues which were to be paid in gold at the rate of 18d. per peso.

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## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### GERMANY.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, from H.M. Representative at Berlin, a copy of a Notification, dated 29th August, and published in the "Reichsgesetzblatt" of 7th September, on the subject of the provisions for sanitary treatment and disinfection of seagoing ships in German harbours.

A copy and translation of the Notification may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### FRANCE.

H.M. Consul-General at Havre (Mr. H. L. Churchill) reports an announcement in the "Bulletin de la Compagnie Générale Transatlantique" of 15th October, to the effect that from the month of September their Havre-Bordeaux-Colon Line was accelerated to a speed of 15 knots, in consequence of the two new steamers "Guadeloupe" and "Perou" having been placed on that run. The journey between Bordeaux and Colon has thus been reduced to 19 days, and between Bordeaux and Guadeloupe and Martinique to 10 and 11 days respectively.

### GUATEMALA.

With reference to the notice on p. 373 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 22nd August last, and previous notices, relative to the Guatemala railway, a despatch has now been received from H.M. Legation at Guatemala forwarding a translation of an advertisement of the Guatemala Railway Company announcing that merchandise for transport over the company's lines would at the end of September be received at and carried to a village named Aguacaliente, distant about 24 miles from the City of Guatemala. "The importance of this announcement," according to H.M. Legation's despatch, "consists in the fact that from this point on there is a good cart-road, making the route by Puerto Barrios for the first time available for the importation of packages of all sizes and weights intended for the capital. Little more than seven miles of track only remain to be laid after this in order to complete the railway through to the coast, as construction has been pushed from the other end as well. But in this short distance there are five bridges, the erection of which, although the material is already on the ground, will probably retard the actual opening of the line until towards the end of November.

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"There can be no doubt," the despatch adds, "that the Atlantic route will be almost exclusively used in future for all imports into this country from Europe as well as from the eastern and southern ports of the United States, affording a new and important field for the employment of British shipping."

#### **ARGENTINA.**

H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross) has forwarded particulars of a company that is being organised to carry on transport on the Rio Negro by means of light draught steamers. It is proposed at first to run the river vessels from Patagones to Choele-Choele, and if the undertaking proves successful to send them further up the river. At Patagones the vessels will connect with the steamers of the Lloyd Bahia Blanca from Bahia Blanca or Buenos Ayres.

It is estimated that the round trip from Patagones to Choele-Choele and back will take 10 days—4½ days up stream, 2½ down stream, and 3 days for loading and discharging. It is intended to employ steamers drawing 3½ feet loaded when with 70 tons of cargo. The freight up has been quoted at 40 dollars paper, or about 3*l.* 10*s.* per ton. The company expect to be working in December next, when the wool clip is coming in.

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##### **GERMANY.**

H.M. Ambassador at Berlin has forwarded a translation of an extract from the "North German Gazette" stating that the Prussian State Railway Administration and the Rhenish Westphalian Coal Syndicate have agreed upon terms whereby the Syndicate shall supply the railways with coal and briquettes during a period of three years.

Adverting to the notice on p. 560 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 21st September, 1905, relative to the decision of the "Vulcan Shipbuilding Company," of Stettin, to establish an extensive branch building yard at Hamburg—the area thus occupied to be a free Customs district—a further despatch has now been received from H.M. Consul-General at Hamburg (Sir W. Ward, C.V.O.), reporting that the preparatory works for the yard in question, begun in 1905, are

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now completed—that is to say, the ground has been raised to a proper level and the adjoining water of the Elbe has been deepened (provisionally) to a depth of about 15 ft. The establishment is already connected by road, and will shortly be also by railway, with the other part of the Hamburg harbour road and railway system. The total number of slips projected to be built is five; but for the present only two will be completely built, and a third one will be partially built, the construction of the remainder being postponed. These slips will be numbered 1 to 5 (counting from East to West). On slip No. 1, the largest of the five, vessels will be built measuring up to 1,000 ft. in length and 100 ft. in breadth, and on slip No. 3 vessels measuring up to 650 and 700 ft. in length.

The number of dry docks is to be three, viz.:—one of 35,000 registered tons, one of 10,000, and one of 6,000 tons. The dry dock of 11,000 tons has already been built at Stettin, and will shortly be brought to Hamburg as it is not needed in the Baltic. The dry dock of 6,000 tons will be built at once, whilst the dock of 35,000 tons register will be constructed at a later time.

It is the present intention of the "Vulcan Company" to carry out the construction of the entire building-yard in gradual stages, and to take the yard into use in 1909. It is further stated that for the present only vessels of a larger type will be built at the "Vulcan's" building-yard at Hamburg, for which the Stettin yard is not suited; and that ship's engines will be built at Hamburg, and repairs of ships undertaken only when the Stettin establishment is too busy to attend to the work.

**ITALY.**

H.M. Embassy at Rome have forwarded a copy of an abstract of notices respecting electrical enterprises authorised in Italy in 1906, issued by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, from which it appears that 239 plants were authorised during the year, of which 114 were extensions of installations already existing, and 125 new ones with generating stations of their own. Of the latter, 73 employ hydraulic motor power, and 52 gas or steam motor power.

The more important plants, of which special mention is made, comprise the following:—

In Northern Italy, that of the "Società Lombarda," Milan, for the conveyance and distribution of about 15,000 kw. in the Provinces of Sondrio, Como and Milan; and that of the "Società delle forze motrici dell'Anza," for the conveyance and distribution of about 7,200 kw. in the Province of Novara.

In Central Italy that of the "Società mineraria ed elettrica del Valdarno," for the conveyance and distribution of about 400 kw. in the provinces of Arezzo, Firenze and Sicira; that of the "Società della Valnerina," for the working of a calcium carbide

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factory in the neighbourhood of Narni; and that of the "Società per imprese elettriche di Roma," for the conveyance and distribution of about 6,000 kw. in the suburban zone north of Rome.

In Southern Italy that of the firm Zecca, Cauli & Co., for the conveyance and distribution of about 700 kw. in the province of Chieti.

The following plants are also of importance in respect of the quantity of power transmitted and the extent traversed by the conducting wires:—

The conveyance of power from Pont Canavese to Rivarolo by the "Società Manifattura de Rivarolo and San Giorgio Canavese;" that from Bard to Carema of the Industrial Electrochemical Society of Pont Saint Martin; that of the Swiss Federal Railways for the electric system between Iselle and Briga; those of the "Società Conti," from Vigevano to Pavia and Novara; that of the Brescian Electric Society from Brescia to Cremona; not to mention the plants of the "Società Bergamasca," of the province of Bergamo; of the "Società Officine Elettriche Genovesi," along the "Riviera di Levante;" that of the "Società della Cellina," in the provinces of Venice and Padova, and of the "Società Marchigiana," for electrical firms in the province of Ancona.

The abstract, which gives details in the case of each plant, such as the object of the plant, route of conducting wire, system of current, tension of line, nature and quantity of motor power, and power of electric generators, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) reports that coal has been known to exist in the valley of the Magra (Lunigiana) for some time, and that it was only on account of the low cost at which better British coal could be obtained hitherto that it was not considered sufficiently profitable to take up the working of the local seams. Now, however, owing to the extraordinary and sustained increase in the price of British coal, it has been judged worth while to exploit the Magra valley coal deposits, and to that end a company has been formed among the coal merchants and importers of Spezia, styled the *Società Anonima Carbonifera Lunense*, to extract and deal in the coal obtainable from the neighbourhood of Spezia. It appears that this coal is suitable for industrial purposes, and it is said to resemble in appearance a fair quality Newcastle. The managers of the new undertaking are making strenuous efforts to obtain the grant of the "exceptional tariff" from the State Railways, who, it appears, have so far only granted them the special facilities provided for in the local tariffs.

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The Acting British Consul-General at San Francisco (Mr. W. Moore) has forwarded a report on the mining discoveries and developments that have occurred in the State of Nevada in recent years. Mr. Moore states that these discoveries have attracted a good deal of attention and exaggerated accounts of the productiveness of the mines have appeared in the newspapers: his own report, however, is based on statistics collected by the United States Geological Survey.

Previous to the year 1900 nearly all the mining had been carried on in the northern and western parts of the State, but in 1900 discoveries were made in the southern part, and since that time all the important discoveries have been made in that district. There were altogether 155 producing mines in Nevada in 1906, of which 143 were deep mines and 12 placers. Of the deep mines, 75 have gold as the predominant metal, 34 silver, 6 copper, 26 lead and 2 zinc lead.

The following table shows the production of gold, silver and associated metals in the State during the last two years:—

|                       | 1905.     |           | 1906.     |            |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                       | Quantity. | Value.    | Quantity. | Value.     |
|                       |           | Dollars.  |           | Dollars.   |
| Gold, fine ... .. oz. | 254,927   | 5,269,819 | 506,520   | 10,470,704 |
| Silver ... .. "       | 6,482,081 | 3,915,177 | 6,770,611 | 4,536,310  |
| Copper ... .. lb.     | 413,235   | 64,465    | 1,625,985 | 313,818    |
| Lead ... .. "         | 3,457,124 | 162,485   | 3,823,617 | 217,549    |
| Zinc... .. "          | 697,757   | 41,168    | 2,886,328 | 176,066    |
| Total value ... ..    | —         | 9,453,114 | —         | 15,714,442 |

The complete report, which is too long to quote *in extenso*, may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

**UNITED STATES AND CANADA.**

The "Iron Age" (New York) of the 26th September publishes statistics (compiled by the United States Geological Survey) of the production of chromic iron ore or chromite in the United States in 1906, which amounted to 107 gross tons, valued at 1,800 dols. The production in 1905 amounted to only 22 tons, valued at 375 dols. The output of this product in the United States

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supplies only a very small proportion of the requirement, which is met chiefly by importations. The quantity imported in 1906 amounted to 43,441 tons, valued at 557,594 dols.—somewhat less than the importations in 1905. These figures are exclusive of the chromium salts of various kinds imported during the year.

The production of chromite in Canada, according to the "Iron Age," has increased rapidly in the last few years, having risen from 900 tons, valued at 13,000 dols., in 1902 to 8,750 tons, valued at 92,100 dols., in 1906. The prices reported for the Canadian product are somewhat lower than those in the United States.

## YARNS AND TEXTILES.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

On p. 187 will be found a reference to a report issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries on the production of wool in Great Britain in 1905 and 1906.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the monthly return issued by the Indian Government, showing the quantity of cotton yarn spun, and of cotton woven goods produced, in each Province in British India, and in the Native States, during the four months, April to July, of each of the years 1905, 1906, and 1907.

The following is a summarised statement extracted from the above return, giving particulars for the four months, ended July, 1905, 1906, and 1907 :—

|  |       | Four months ended July. |              |              |
|--|-------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|  |       | 1905.                   | 1906.        | 1907.        |
| <b>BRITISH INDIA, BEHAR, AND NATIVE STATES.</b>  |       |                         |              |              |
| Cotton yarn spun ...                             | Lbs.  | 231,943,254             | 227,672,394  | 213,057,534  |
| Grey and bleached piece goods ...                | Yards | 45,342,515              | 45,091,692   | 50,188,208   |
| Coloured piece goods ...                         | Lbs.  | 191,638,040             | 201,172,578  | 220,296,578  |
| Grey and coloured goods (other than piece goods) | Yards | Lbs. { 8,567,604        | { *7,469,315 | { *8,530,297 |
| Hosiery ...                                      | Lbs.  |                         | 30,625,714   | 33,952,167   |
| Miscellaneous goods ...                          | Lbs.  |                         | 444,321      | 597,381      |
|  |       | 109,726                 | 180,630      | 188,654      |
|  |       | 756,356                 | 122,708      | 90,743       |

\* The quantities of "coloured piece goods" and of "grey and coloured goods (other than piece goods)" produced in the *Native States*, not being separately stated, the total amounts are included in the figures given for "coloured piece goods."

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 19th October, 1907, were as follows:—

|        |     |     |     |     |      |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34s. | 4d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26s. | 3d. |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18s. | 0d. |

For further particulars see p. 184.

A statement is published on p. 185, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 19th October, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

### ITALY.

H.M. Consul-General at Genoa (Mr. W. Keene) reports that the annual production of Italian olive oil shows great fluctuations, owing partly to the alternations of full and meagre years' crops, and partly to the ravages of the oil fly.

The production during the five years 1901-2 to 1905-6 is estimated as follows:—

|        |     |     |     |     | Hectolitres. |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| 1901-2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,200,000    |
| 1902-3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,800,000    |
| 1903-4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,200,000    |
| 1904-5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,700,000    |
| 1905-6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,400,000    |

The most-prized qualities are those produced in Tuscany (Lucca, Pisa), the Ligurian Riviera, and the Pugli (Bari, Bitonto, Gallipoli). The Marches, Umbria and Latium also produce good oils, but the very abundant products of Sicily are less reputed.

Prices vary so much according to quality, and fluctuate so largely according to supply and demand, that it would be misleading to give any average price; but the 488,582 quintals of oil\* exported from Italy in 1906 were provisionally† valued by the Customs for statistical purposes at 130 lire (25 lire = 1l.) per quintal, or 63,515,660 lire in all. The principal countries to which oil is exported are Argentina, United States, France, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

\* Exclusive of exports of sulphur oil (an inferior olive oil) which are considerable.

† The definitive value has since been fixed at 125 lire per quintal.

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### TURKEY.

The Acting British Consul-General at Salonica (Mr. E. H. Mulock) has forwarded a translation of a despatch from the Acting British Vice-Consul at Cavalla (the centre of the tobacco trade in the Salonica consular district), reporting that the tobacco crop of 1906 in the Cavalla district, including Drama, Serres, Xanthi, &c., was of average quantity (*i.e.*, 12,000,000 kilos. per annum), below the average in quality and above the average in price, relatively to the low quality. The 1907 crop is of average quantity and above the average in quality; it is impossible to make any statement as to prices, as the sales do not begin till November and December. The stock of tobacco held by merchants in Turkey is said to be below the average.

### CRETE.

The British Vice-Consul at Canea (Mr. E. C. Wyldbore-Smith) has forwarded a report on the state of the crops in Crete. He says that agriculture in that island is at present in a very backward condition, but the soil is exceedingly fertile, and with a continuance of the present state of tranquillity, the improvement of internal communications and the introduction of more modern methods of cultivation, considerable development in the agricultural industry may be expected.

**Cereals.**—The crop was not exceptional, in spite of abundant rains in March and April. In any case, however, not enough seed is sown at present to provide a sufficient quantity of corn for the population's needs. The soil, especially in the eastern part of the island, being well adapted for the vine, the greater part of available land is devoted to the culture of that plant rather than to corn. Large quantities of corn are imported annually from Anatolia and Benghazi, but this year the price of corn from both these sources ruled high, owing to a poor harvest, consequently a demand for European corn has now arisen. Local prices of corn are as follows:—barley, 6s. 8d. per cwt.; wheat, 11s. 3d. per cwt.; oats, 6s. 8d. per cwt.

**Olives.**—In the western and eastern portions of the island the crop promises to be good, but in the districts of the centre, reports point only to a moderate harvest. The late rains of last April did a great deal of harm, coming as they did just when the leaves were sprouting. The fruit in the eastern districts is said to be very fine, and although not so abundant as in 1905, when there was a splendid crop, the output of oil will probably be heavier than in that year. The local quotation for this product is 28s. 4d. per cwt.

The **Vintage** shows every sign of being good, although the late rains in May did some damage. Vine-growers are looking forward

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to obtaining good prices for their raisins, as the crop in Asia Minor is reported to have been ruined by rains. It is therefore expected that raisins will fetch about 14s. 8d. per cwt. The price of wine, however, will probably be low on account of the good vintages which are expected in Italy and Spain.

**Carobs.**—In the western and centre districts the crop is good and the fruit fine. The local price is 3s. 9d. per cwt.

**Vallonia.**—Caterpillars have caused a great deal of damage to the trees, and the harvest will in consequence be poor; local prices are ruling high (September) and are quoted at 6s. 3d. per cwt.

**MISCELLANEOUS.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 17th October, **Cotton Statistics.** 1907, was 93,177 and the number imported during the forty-two weeks ended the 17th October was 3,480,243 (including 5,732 bales British West Indian and 8,789 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 17th October, 3,295 bales, and for the forty-two weeks, 408,842 bales.

For further details see p. 184.

**BRITISH INDIA.**

The following statistics of the foreign sea-borne trade of the Province of Eastern Bengal and Assam (comprising the trade of the chief port, Chittagong, and the subordinate ports, Narayanganj,\* Nilla and Cox's Bazar) are taken from the Report for 1906-7 of the Collector of Customs at Chittagong:—

|                                 |     |     |     |     | 1905-6.     | 1906-7.     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|
|                                 |     |     |     |     | Rs.         | Rs.         |
| <b>Imports—</b>                 |     |     |     |     |             |             |
| Merchandise                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30,07,944   | 37,89,988   |
| Treasure                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | —           | 75,594      |
| Total                           |     |     |     |     | 30,07,944   | 38 65,582   |
| <b>Exports—</b>                 |     |     |     |     |             |             |
| Indian merchandise              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,87,67,947 | 3,90,21,994 |
| Foreign merchandise re-exported | ... | ... | ... | ... | 552         | 550         |
| Total                           |     |     |     |     | 2,87,68,499 | 3,90,22,544 |

\* Narayanganj was abolished as a port on 12th May, 1906.

*Miscellaneous.***TRANSVAAL.**

The "Transvaal Government Gazette" of 26th September announces the appointment of a Commission to enquire into and report upon the following matters:—

**Customs Commission.** (a) The condition of existing industries, manufacturing and agricultural, and the possibility of the extension of such industries.

(b) What encouragement or protection should be given to such industries, and by what means and to what extent; whether by protective duties, bounties, railway rates, or otherwise.

(c) What effect the Customs Union Convention and railway rates, preferential or otherwise, and bounties have had on such industries.

(d) In what proportions imported and local products or raw materials enter into local manufactures and to what extent white labour is used as compared with coloured labour.

(e) To what extent the use of coloured or Asiatic labour in the neighbouring Colonies is prejudicial to the continuance and establishment of industries in this Colony.

(f) What effect the Customs Union Convention and the parcels post have had on the transfer of business to the Coast and elsewhere.

(g) The best steps to be taken to encourage and promote the trade and industries of this colony.

(h) The desirability of amending the classification of the present Customs Tariff and in what directions, and generally—

(i) All matters relevant or akin to the foregoing terms of reference.

The following gentlemen have been appointed members of this Commission:—Mr. John William Honey (Chairman), The Honourable Andries Daniel Wijnand Wolmarans, M.L.C., Mr. Thomas Major Cullinan, M.L.A., Mr. William Hosken, M.L.A., Mr. Andrew Johnston, M.L.A.; and as Secretary to the Commission, Mr. Edmund Hugh Farrer.

**NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.**

The following statistics of the trade of the Nyasaland (British Central Africa) Protectorate during 1906-7, as compared with 1905-6, are taken from the report on the Protectorate recently issued by the Colonial Office (*Annual*, No. 537):—

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| From and to—             | Imports (excluding specie). |         | Exports (Products of the Protectorate). |         |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---|---------|
|                          | 1905-6.                     | 1906-7. | 1905-6.                                 | 1906-7. |
|                          | £                           | £       | £                                       | £       |
| United Kingdom ... ..    | 160,496                     | 183,452 | 35,103                                  | 32,663  |
| British Colonies ... ..  | 21,950                      | 12,243  | 7,709                                   | 6,767   |
| Foreign Countries ... .. | 35,135                      | 38,140  | 13,966                                  | 10,817  |
| Total... ..              | 217,581                     | 233,835 | 56,778                                  | 50,247  |

**MEXICO.**

With reference to the notice on p. 35 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 3rd October, respecting the **Guano Concession**, granting of a concession for the exploitation of guano upon certain islands in the Gulf of Mexico, it may be noted that the Mexican "Diario Oficial" of the 21st September published the text of a further concession granted by the Mexican Government to Mr. Aurelio Cadena y Marin for the exploitation of the guano deposits on the Islands of Aguada or Puerto Real, Cayo Chelem, Sabanquy, Holbox, Sisal, Xamachtun, Tecchal, Temalcab, and Triángulos y Blanca in the Gulf of Mexico. The contract is for a period of ten years, reckoning from the date of publication, and the Concessionaire engages to pay to the Mexican Government the sum of 75 cents for each ton of guano extracted, as well as the export duties.

The "Diario" of 5th October contains a notice to the effect that **Fishery and Guano Concessions.** Mr. Harry J. Earle has been authorised by contract to exploit the fisheries in the zone included between the mouth of the river Lagartos, in the state of Yucatan, and Punta Flor, in the territory of Quintana del Roo, including the Chinchorro reef.

The "Diario" of 7th October contains a copy of a contract made with Mr. Harry J. Earle for exploiting guano in the islands of Contoy, Cancun, Cayo Arenas, Chinchorro and Alacranes, off the East coast of Yucatan.

**CHINA.**

The Acting British Consul at Chungking (Mr. J. H. Bristow) has forwarded a sample of vegetable asbestos, produced in the west of the Chungking Province. **Vegetable Asbestos: Sample on View.** The material is stated to be incombustible and bullet-proof.

The sample may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 42 Weeks ended 17th October, 1907 :—

|                      | Week ended<br>17th Oct.,<br>1907. | 42 Weeks<br>ended<br>17th Oct.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>17th Oct.,<br>1907. | 42 Weeks<br>ended<br>17th Oct.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 80,411                            | 2,606,538                                | 2,335                             | 210,887                                  |
| Brasilian ... ..     | —                                 | 183,486                                  | —                                 | 16,073                                   |
| East Indian ... ..   | 3,015                             | 190,687                                  | 698                               | 62,564                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 9,032                             | 373,057                                  | 45                                | 107,901                                  |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 719                               | 126,475*                                 | 217                               | 11,417                                   |
| Total ... ..         | 93,177                            | 3,480,243                                | 3,295                             | 408,842                                  |

\* Including 5,732 bales British West Indian and 8,789 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 19th October, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

|                                      |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                      |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
| Week ended 19th October, 1907 ... .. |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Corresponding week in—               |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                          |  | 27             | 11 | 26      | 3  | 16    | 11 |
| 1901 ... ..                          |  | 25             | 11 | 26      | 10 | 17    | 5  |
| 1902 ... ..                          |  | 24             | 11 | 26      | 4  | 17    | 0  |
| 1903 ... ..                          |  | 25             | 10 | 23      | 7  | 15    | 8  |
| 1904 ... ..                          |  | 30             | 4  | 25      | 5  | 15    | 11 |
| 1905 ... ..                          |  | 27             | 1  | 25      | 0  | 16    | 7  |
| 1906 ... ..                          |  | 26             | 6  | 24      | 10 | 16    | 8  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 19th October, 1907, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|   |            | Week ended<br>19th Oct.,<br>1907. | Corresponding<br>Week in<br>1906. |
|---|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                   |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..  | Number.    | 9,760                             | 12,301                            |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..  | "          | 1,403                             | 2,021                             |
| Swine ... ..  | "          | —                                 | —                                 |
| Horses ... ..   | "          | 240                               | 376                               |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                   |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...  | Cwts.      | 82,415                            | 117,273                           |
| Mutton " " " " " "  | "          | 78,686                            | 47,775                            |
| Pork " " " " " "  | "          | 12,792                            | 11,830                            |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                   |
| Bacon ... ..  | Cwts.      | 92,577                            | 83,532                            |
| Beef ... ..   | "          | 2,172                             | 3,701                             |
| Hams ... ..   | "          | 17,685                            | 22,525                            |
| Pork ... ..   | "          | 4,634                             | 2,461                             |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh ... ..  | "          | 9,719                             | 11,921                            |
| " " " " " " salted ... ..   | "          | 1,894                             | —                                 |
| " " " " " " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) ... .. | "          | 7,889                             | 12,059                            |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                   |
| Butter ... ..   | Cwts.      | 58,665                            | 78,158                            |
| Margarine ... ..  | "          | 15,551                            | 22,165                            |
| Cheese ... ..   | "          | 81,667                            | 89,586                            |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..  | "          | —                                 | —                                 |
| " cream ... ..  | "          | 86                                | 91                                |
| " condensed ... ..  | "          | 16,975                            | 24,483                            |
| " preserved, other kinds ... ..   | "          | 62                                | 372                               |
| Eggs ... ..   | Grt. Hndr. | 478,722                           | 384,609                           |
| Poultry ... ..  | Value £    | 2,805                             | 2,777                             |
| Game ... ..   | "          | 5,378                             | 6,487                             |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ... ..   | Cwts.      | 49,021                            | 21,838                            |
| Lard ... ..   | "          | 38,857                            | 40,603                            |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                   |
| Wheat ... ..  | Cwts.      | 1,520,800                         | 1,547,000                         |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..   | "          | 402,900                           | 336,000                           |
| Barley ... ..   | "          | 663,200                           | 815,900                           |
| Oats ... ..   | "          | 266,700                           | 262,700                           |
| Peas ... ..   | "          | 62,550                            | 32,420                            |
| Beans ... ..  | "          | 5,450                             | 76,090                            |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..   | "          | 1,210,200                         | 1,006,000                         |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                   |
| Apples ... ..   | Cwts.      | 165,088                           | 119,586                           |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..   | "          | 122                               | —                                 |
| Bananas ... ..  | Bunches.   | 129,982                           | 132,587                           |
| Cherries ... ..   | Cwts.      | —                                 | —                                 |
| Currants ... ..   | "          | —                                 | —                                 |
| Gooseberries ... ..   | "          | —                                 | —                                 |
| Grapes ... ..   | "          | 28,673                            | 60,396                            |
| Lemons ... ..   | "          | 4,047                             | 9,751                             |
| Oranges ... ..  | "          | 13,153                            | 16,526                            |
| Pears ... ..  | "          | 17,291                            | 21,475                            |
| Plums ... ..  | "          | 679                               | 11,560                            |
| Strawberries ... ..   | "          | —                                 | —                                 |
| Unenumerated ... ..   | "          | 2,976                             | 15,823                            |
| Hay ... ..  | Tons.      | 1,025                             | 2,830                             |
| Straw ... ..  | "          | 1,267                             | 1,330                             |
| Moss Litter ... ..  | "          | 1,848                             | 1,985                             |
| Hops ... ..   | Cwts.      | 8,976                             | 5,133                             |
| Locust Beans ... ..   | "          | 1,920                             | 31,020                            |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                   |
| Onions ... ..   | Bushels.   | 119,500                           | 218,898                           |
| Potatoes ... ..   | Cwts.      | 93,806                            | 27,306                            |
| Tomatoes ... ..   | "          | 12,290                            | 12,953                            |
| Unenumerated ... ..   | Value £    | 2,668                             | 3,600                             |
| <b>Vegetables, dried</b> ... ..   | Cwts.      | 7,878                             | 5,306                             |
| Preserved by canning ... ..   | "          | 10,818                            | 6,229                             |

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### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of September, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 2d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first, and 3s. 4d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the October issue:—State of the Labour Market in September; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration Boards in 1906; Proceedings under the Conciliation Act during 1905-7; Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom; Emigration in 1906; Earnings at Corn Harvest; and House Letting in Scotland.

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According to these statistics the total number of persons employed at mines and at the quarries under the Quarries Act in the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man during the year 1906 was 1,004,092, of whom 912,576 were employed in or about mines, and 91,516 in or about quarries. Compared with the preceding year, there is an increase of 25,052 persons employed at mines. In 1906, 1,190 separate fatal accidents occurred in or about mines and quarries, causing the loss of 1,275 lives, showing an increase of 87 in the number of fatal accidents and a decrease of 29 in the number of lives lost as compared with 1905.

*Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. Report on the Production of Wool in Great Britain in 1905 and 1906.*

Taking the average of the returns received for the two years, 1905 and 1906, the following may, according to this Report, be regarded as an approximate estimate of the total production of wool in the United Kingdom:—

|                           |     |     |     |     | Lbs.        |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Sheep shorn               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 87,838,000  |
| „ slaughtered             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30,250,000  |
| Lambs shorn               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,000,000   |
| „ slaughtered             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,000,000   |
| . Total for Great Britain |     |     |     |     | 121,088,000 |
| „ Ireland                 |     |     |     |     | 12,000,000  |
| Total for United Kingdom  |     |     |     |     | 133,088,000 |

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The average quantity of imported wool (sheep's, lambs' and alpaca) retained for home consumption in the two years 1905-6 was 860,000,000 lbs. Of the total supply of raw wool used in this country, therefore, it appears that British and Irish flockmasters are responsible for about 27 per cent.

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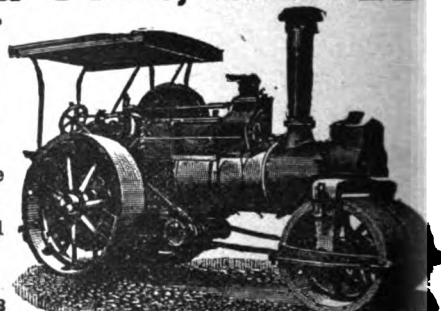
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**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A company in Montreal are willing to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of electrical apparatus, arc lamp carbons, incandescent lamps, flame and enclosed arc lamps, underground cables, sheet iron and alloy for electrical purposes, and metal bodies for motor cars.

A manufacturers' agent in Toronto is willing to undertake the representation of a United Kingdom manufacturer of cutlery and electroplate.

Montreal firm wish to obtain quotations from United Kingdom manufacturers of metal, hydroquinone and other photographic chemicals.

A lumber company in British Columbia wish to get into touch

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with United Kingdom firms in a position to handle cargo shipments of **timber**, including **Douglas fir**, **Oregon pine**, **red cedar** and **spruce**.

A firm of manufacturers' agents in Toronto seek additional agencies in **leather goods** of every description.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**CAPE COLONY.**

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Cape Town (Mr. E. J. Cattell) has forwarded particulars of the **Uniform Clothing: Printing.** following contracts open to tender:—

1. The supply of uniform clothing to the Cape Government Railways, in accordance with samples, patterns, and specifications that may be seen at the office of the Agent-General for the Colony, 98-100, Victoria Street, London, S.W. Tenders, in sealed covers, marked "Tender for Uniform Clothing, &c.," will be received by the Chairman of the Tender Board, Control and Audit Office, Parliament Street, Cape Town, by noon on the 4th December.

2. The execution of certain Government printing for a period of five years, in accordance with samples and specimens that may also be inspected at the Office of the Agent-General for the Colony. Tenders, in sealed covers, marked "Tenders for Printing," will be received at the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General, Cape Town, up to noon on the 31st January, 1908.

Preference will be given to tenderers who are prepared to execute the work in Cape Colony.

Mr. Cattell has forwarded a few copies of the forms of tender, conditions, &c., relating to these contracts; they will be available (until the supply is exhausted) for the use of British contractors, who may apply at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

The Board of Trade have been notified by the officer representing the Australian Commonwealth in London (**Cast-iron pipes: Insulators, &c.** Capt. R. Muirhead Collins, C.M.G.) that tenders will be received at the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, up to noon on the 16th December, for the supply and delivery of (a) 3-in. cast-iron pipes, as follows:—186 1-5th ton at Department's Depot, Brisbane, 46 tons at Post and Telegraph Office, Townsville, 22 tons at Post and

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ph Office, Maryborough, and 47 tons at Post and Telegraph  
woowomba; (b) 4,000 small Cordeau insulators, 2,000 iron  
for two insulators and 10 cwt. of soft copper wire.

specifications and conditions may be inspected by British  
sturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the  
f Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Copies may  
ined at the Australian Commonwealth Offices in London,  
oria Street, S.W., where also preliminary deposits on tenders  
paid.

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

ard of Trade have been notified by their Correspondent at  
Adelaide (Mr. J. Creswell) that the time for  
**Waste.** receiving tenders for the supply of cotton waste  
(see pp. 104-5 of the "Board of Trade Journal"  
7th October) has been extended to the 10th December.

### **EGYPT.**

ing British Consul at Cairo (Mr. P. Sciortino) has forwarded  
copies of the conditions of tender for the supply

**Benzine.** of coal and benzine required by the Egyptian  
Coast Guard Administration during the year

The approximate quantities required for the year are, in the  
coal, 1,500 tons (Cardiff) and 50 tons (Newcastle) at  
ria, 600 tons (Cardiff) at Port Said and 1,300 tons  
) at Suez; of benzine, 8 tons at Alexandria, 12 tons at  
aid and 4 tons at Suez. Tenders for coal must be  
anied by a provisional deposit of £E 100, and tenders for  
by one of £E 30: the deposit to be completed to the  
of 10 per cent. of the total value of the contract as soon  
judication is determined.

ers are to be delivered to the Director-General, Coast Guard  
stration, Cairo, on stamped paper (to be obtained from  
ol. J. H. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers,  
ay, Westminster, London, S.W.), before noon on the 15th  
er, and should be in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for  
ply of Coal" or "Tender for the Supply of Benzine," as the  
y be.

conditions may be consulted by British contractors at the  
cial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basing-  
reet, London, E.C.

gyptian "Journal Officiel" of 9th October contains a  
notice inviting tenders for the supply of a

**a Pump.** suction pump for the port of Alexandria.  
Tenders must be sent in before the 1st of  
er, accompanied by a stamped paper of 30 millièmes

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(obtainable from Lieut.-Col. Western, as above), to M. le Directeur Général des Ports et Phares, Alexandria. The specification may be obtained at a cost of 100 piastres Turkish (18s.), from the bureaux de L'Administration des Ports et Phares (Service des Magasins).

#### NORWAY.

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Norwegian State Railways have issued a call for tenders \* for the supply of large quantities of oils, tallow, candles, matches, soft soap, twist, tin in blocks and rods, lead in blocks, antimony, nails, smithy coals, anthracite and coal.

Tenders are to be marked "Forbrugssager 1908," except in the case of tallow, candles, and matches, tenders for which should be marked "Forbrugssager 1908 D." They should be delivered to Styrelsens Expeditionskontor, Christiania, by 3 p.m. on the 8th November.

Copies of the conditions and specifications have been forwarded by H.M. Consul and may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Consul also reports that the State Railways have issued further calls for tenders for the supply of (1) a large number of iron rods, and (2) 4,552 tons of steel rails, &c. Tenders for (1) should be marked "Anbud paa Leverance af Stangjern," and are to be delivered by 3 p.m. on the 12th November at Maskiningeniørens Kontor, Bispegaden 12, Christiania; tenders for (2) should be marked "Anbud paa Skinner" and are to be delivered by 3 p.m. on the 13th November at Styrelsens for Statsbanernes Expeditions-kontor, Christiania.

Copies of the conditions, specifications, and drawings may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

#### SWEDEN.

H.M. Consul at Stockholm (Mr. H. M. Villiers) has forwarded particulars of the following contracts open to tender:—

**Cotton Waste,  
Textile Materials,  
Mats, Straps,  
Carpets, &c.**

1. The supply to the Swedish State Railways of (a), 330,000 kilogs. of cotton waste, 1,500 metres of cotton curtain material, 800 metres of woollen curtain material, 900 metres of linen damask, 600

\* Apart from the usual Customs duties a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers. In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenderers not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

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er mats, 200 cocoa doormats, 1,750 window straps, and towels; (b), 1,200 metres of horse-hair carpet, 2,000 metres sum carpet, 1,100 metres of shag cloth (*schaggtyg*), 1,200 of oilcloth, 145 rolls of tracing cloth, 94 reams (*ris*) of cloth, and 2,700 metres of cotton cloth (*bomullslarft*). Tenders accompanied by samples, and must state to what extent are of Swedish or foreign manufacture. They must be sent to Kungl. Järnvägsstyrelsen, Stockholm, in envelopes "Anbud a bomullstrassel," &c. (each article to be tendered in separate form), before noon on the 15th November in the case of (a), and before noon on the 30th November in the case of (b). The supply to the prison guard (*Fångvarden*) of 39,425 of grey duck (for tenting)—0.85 metres broad, 370,000 and 610,000 eyes, 4,500 metres of linen for towels—0.65 broad, and 49,835 metres of cotton sheeting—1.34 metres. Tenders should be delivered to the Kungl. Fångvårdsstyrels Arbetsbyrå, Stockholm, before noon on the 12th November.

of the conditions and specifications relating to the above, together with samples of the materials required, may be obtained by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Office of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

British Vice-Consul at Helsingborg (Mr. C. G. M. Westrup) has forwarded a copy of the conditions of tender

**Electric Plant.** for the supply and installation of two electric three-phase alternating current generators and stationary air compressor for the new electric works of the Helsingborg municipality. Persons tendering must state the time for delivery guaranteed. Sealed tenders bearing the inscription "Anbud a trefasgeneratorer" must be sent in to the Helsingborg Municipal Electric Works not later than the 12th November.

conditions (in Swedish) containing particulars of the supply required may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Office of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### NETHERLANDS.

"Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" contains a notice to the effect that the "Collège des bourgmestres et échevins de Leeuwarden" has submitted a project for the enlargement of the existing gas works. The "Conseil Communal" at an estimated cost of 313,000 (about 26,083*l.*).

See on page 222 respecting the deepening of the waterway from Rotterdam to the North Sea.

Electric Plant, &c.

*Openings for British Trade.***GERMANY.**

The "Oeffentliche Anzeiger" of 26th October contains a notice (No. 827) inviting tenders for the supply

**Water Pipes.** wrought iron water pipes and joints for town water works at Hamburg. Tenders should

be sent in before the 11th November to the "Finanz-deputation" at Hamburg. Conditions of tender may be obtained at Secretariat II. of the Finanz-deputation at a cost of 1 mark. The letter containing the offer must be clearly marked with the number, both inside and outside.

**BELGIUM.**

The "Bulletin Commercial" (Brussels) of 19th October announces that tenders are invited for the supply in 1902 of weighbridges and appurtenances for wagons of type A, and appurtenances for the same.

Further particulars may be obtained at the office of M. de Rudersdal, "Administrateur des voies et travaux," Rue de Louvain 10, Brussels.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of 27th October states that tenders are invited by the Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Vicinaux for the supply of:—(1) 50 lanterns for street lighting in one lot; (2) 350 cast-iron posts, 50 of which

are required with iron screw nuts, also of 300 cast-iron not plates,—in two lots.

Tenders by registered post should be sent to the Directeur General of the Company, at 14, Rue de la Science, Brussels, not later than the 12th November. Specifications, price 1 franc; plan of lanterns, price 50 centimes; and plan of posts, price 1 franc, may be obtained at the same address.

**PORTUGAL.**

The "Diario do Governo" of 18th October contains a copy of a decree authorising the "Companhia Real de Caminhos do Ferro Portugueses" to construct a bridge and a quay for the discharge of goods near the railway station of Alcantara-mar, and also to modify the railway line on the Cascaes branch in the same neighbourhood.

The "Diario" of 24th October contains a copy of a decree authorising the construction of a branch line from Espinho to Oliviera de Asemis, in the valley of Vouga, and of the station required at Espinho.

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**ITALY.**

British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) reports that a public competition will be held simultaneously at the Royal Arsenal (Contract Offices) of Spezia and Venice, at 11 a.m., on the dates specified below, when sealed tenders received for the supply to the Italian Navy of the following :—

|              | Articles required.         |        | Estimated Cost.       |     | Qualifying Deposit. |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|
| December ... | Beech wood ... (in 2 lots) | Lot 1. | 12,263 lire (490l.)   | ... | 1,230 lire. (49l.)  |
|              |                            | Lot 2. | 10,678 lire (427l.)   | ... | 1,070 lire. (43l.)  |
| ...          | Indiarubber Accessories    | ...    | 40,000 lire (1,600l.) | ... | 4,000 lire. (160l.) |

special conditions of contract may be seen at the Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the Royal Arsenal; at the Technical Offices of the Navy at Genoa; and at the principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

A tender should be made out on Government stamped paper. Local representation is necessary.

Expenses of registration, printing and stamp duty are to be paid by the successful tenderer.

The Italian "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 22nd October contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the maintenance of the breakwater, wharfs, and quays of the harbour of Catania, up to 30th November 1913, at the estimated cost of 456,000 lire (about 18,240l.). Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of 1 lira to the Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici, Ufficio d'Ispezione, Rome, not later than the 9th November, and must bear on the envelope the words "Offerta per Asta." A deposit of 5,000 lire (about 200l.) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gazzetta" states that tenders are invited to be sent in to the same address, and in the same manner as in the above case, for works connected with

(1) the prolonging of the Rii Cortonesi sewer from Botte di Brolio to Cesa, with an outlet there into the "Canale maestro della Canale," and the systematizing of the section of the sewer between Botte and the Ponte del Rondò, for an extent of 1,256 metres; and (2) the deviation of the Montecchio sewer to Botte di Brolio, and its conveyance into the "Canale maestro" of the Ponte della via di Brolio for an extent of 1,256 metres.

The estimated cost of the works is 781,790 lire (about 31,271l.). A deposit of 50,000 lire (about 2,000l.) is required to qualify any

Tenders must be sent in not later than 8th November.

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#### **ITALY**—*continued.*

The "Bollettino Ufficiale del Ministero di Agricoltura, Industria e Commercio" of 19th September states that the

**Mining Plant.** copper and nickel mine called "Alpe della Valle," in the district of Cervarolo, in the province of Novara, has passed into the possession of the "Società delle miniere Cupro nichelifere Italiane," having been forfeited the original proprietors through their having failed to work during the past two years.

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" of 24th October states that an application has been made to the Prefecture of Novara by Professor Gerolamo Dacomo for

**Hydro-Electric Plant.** authorisation to appropriate the water of the Bogna torrent for motive power for the service of a factory for the manufacture of chemical products which is to be set up at Domodossola.

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#### **ITALY—SICILY.**

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) reports that a factory for making window glass is being put up with local capital in Palermo. He adds that if the works are successful the making of other glassware will be tried.

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#### **TURKEY.**

With reference to the notice on p. 12 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 3rd October, and previous notices, relating to tenders for the supply of locomotives and materials required by the Hedjaz Railway Commission, a despatch has been received from H.M. Consul-General at Constantinople (Mr. H. C. A. Eyres) reporting that he is informed contracts have recently been

signed with German and Belgian firms for the supply of twelve locomotives, water feeding tanks (total price 245,000 francs), 26,000 tons of sleepers and fifteen "fourgons" (price 10,500 francs each, c. Haifa). The contract for rails is not yet settled, but is said to be between a Russian Company and a company established in Bilbays.

The Consul-General points out that it is pure waste of time on the part of British firms to write him letters "calling attention to their manufactures, and stating that they will be glad to receive enquiries," or asking him "to give their names to probable purchasers." It is not in that manner that foreigners obtain trade orders.

*Openings for British Trade.***MEXICO.**

"Diario Oficial" of 9th October contains a notice that an application on the part of Señor Raoul Bigot has been presented for the establishment in the State of Michoacán of a new industry, viz., founding by electro-metallurgy.

**BRAZIL.**

Consul General at Rio de Janeiro (Mr. A. Chapman) has forwarded translation of a notice which appeared in the "Diario Oficial" of 4th October, calling for tenders for the supply to the Central Rail-  
**Wagons.** Brazil of 80 wagons of 12 tons, series Q., for carrying merchandise, and 20 wagons of similar make and tonnage for carrying inflammable goods. Tenders will be received up to the 30th November\* next in the office of the Superintendent of the Railway at Rio de Janeiro, where the drawings and specifications which must be complied with can be examined. A representation is necessary. A deposit of 1,000 milreis (62*l* 10*s*.) is required to qualify any tender.

**ARGENTINA.**

Referring to the notice on p. 161 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting harbour improvements at Buenos Ayres, H.M. Legation in Argentina report that the call for tenders for this work has not yet been made. The contract include the construction of new warehouses and of railway prolongation of the defences of the North Basin of the port and the installation of apparatus for loading and discharging merchandise.

Legation further report that the Argentine Government are inviting tenders up to 2 p.m. on the 2nd December for the supply of 30 locomotives for the Argentine Central Northern Railway, a new line.

A copy of the "Boletin Oficial" of the 25th September, containing a copy of the Decree authorising the call for tenders, together with specification and plans (in Spanish), have been received, and may be examined at the Commercial Intelligence Office of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

It should be noted that the time allowed hardly admits of firms tendering unless they have arrangements with their agents which can be availed of by cable.

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**ARGENTINA**—*continued.*

The "Review of the River Plate" (Buenos Ayres) states that, following on a favourable report by the Public

**Railway Plant.** Works Committee, the Senate have approved the concession to Mr. Miguel Mahon, for the construction and exploitation of a line from Puerto Militar to Buenos Ayres, *viá* Lobos, Rocha, and Pringles, and three branches, one to La Plata port, one from Rocha to Rufino *viá* Pirovano, Pehuajó, Timote, and Halsey, and the third from Pringles to Catrilló *viá* La Colina and Saliqueló. The line is to enter the City of Buenos Ayres at the point most convenient and continue until a junction is effected with the neutral lines of the port, plans for which must be duly approved by the Government. Materials destined for the construction of the line, which are not produced by national industries, may be imported duty free.

The "Review" also states that the concession to Mr. Luis Facci Negratti for the construction and working of a line from Ensanada (La Plata) to Chacabuco *viá* San Vicente, Las Heras and Chivilcoy has also been approved by the Senate.

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**PARAGUAY.**

The "Diario Oficial" of Paraguay of 21st August contains a copy of a decree authorising the laying of the  
**Telegraph Wire.** following telegraph lines:—

1. Double wire from Concepción to Bella Vista, *viá* Ricón, Loreto, Icuá-porá, Paso Barreto, Mancuello Otaño, San Rafael, La Muerte, and San Lorenzo.

2. Single wire from S. José to Ihú, *viá* Ajos, Nueva Australia, 25 de Noviembre, Carayaó, and San Joaquín.

3. Single wire from Santiago to Ayolas, with a station at San Josémi.

4. Single wire from San Lorenzo to Pedro Juan Caballero, *viá* Esperanza and Estrella.

5. Single wire from Icuá-porá to Horqueta.

6. Single wire from Itacurubí de la Cordillera to Valenzuela.

7. Single wire from Villa de San Pedro to Antequera.

8. Single wire from Villa de San Pedro to Lima.

9. Single wire from Caazapá to San Juan Nepomuceno.

10. Single wire from Yuty to Bobí, *viá* San Pedro del Paraná.

11. Single wire from Villa del Rosario to Igatimí, *viá* Trinacria, Itacurubí del Rosario, San Estanislao, and Curuguaty.

12. Double wire from Humaita to Ayolas, *viá* Pedro Gonzalez, Desmochado, Laureles, and Yabebyry.

13. Single wire from the Capital along the Central Railway.

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**EXHIBITIONS.****NORWAY.**

British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) has forwarded copies of the regulations and programme of the Scandinavian Fisheries Exhibition to be held at Trondhjem from the 1st July to the 31st August, 1908. The latest date for giving notice of intending exhibits is 1st February,

Exhibits will be accepted only from persons residing in Norway, Sweden or Denmark, but there is no objection to foreign exhibitors exhibiting through and in the name of a person residing in the said countries.

Copies of the regulations and programme may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

**FRANCE.**

Consul-General at Marseilles (Mr. M. C. Gurney, M.V.O.) reports that it has been decided to hold an international electrical exhibition at Marseilles next year, from the 19th April to the 31st October. He does not consider that the exhibition will have other than local importance, but is of opinion, however, that it will be properly conducted and fully organised, and that it would be worth the while of manufacturers desiring an opening for trade with the industrial region of the South of France, and especially manufacturers of electrical mining appliances, to consider the advisability of exhibiting.

Consul-General has forwarded a number of copies of a booklet showing the constitution of the Organising Committee and the scope of the exhibition; they are available (until the stock is exhausted) for the use of British manufacturers interested and may be applied for at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

**CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.**

The second meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Coal Industry was held on the 25th October at the offices of the Board of Trade. There were present: Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the chair); Mr. T. Ratcliffe Ellis; Mr. R. Guthrie; Mr. Gascoigne; Mr. A. H. Heath; Mr. W. S. Barrett; Prof. S. J. Chapman; Mr. M. Delevingne, of the Home Office; Mr. W. N. Atkinson, Assistant Inspector of Mines; Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G.; Mr. W. Macrosty; and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (Acting Secretary).

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A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Boot and Shoe Industry** was held on the 29th October at the offices of the Board of Trade. There were present:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the chair); Mr. James Branch, M.P.; Mr. George White, M.P.; Mr. J. A. Craig; Mr. D. Henderson; Mr. John Loake; Mr. Sidney Webb; Mr. H. W. Macrosty; and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (Acting Secretary).

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#### REGULATIONS UNDER THE CANADIAN "INSPECTION OF MEATS AND CANNED FOODS ACT, 1907."

With reference to the notice on p. 22 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 3rd October, respecting regulations under the Canadian "Inspection of Meats and Canned Foods Act, 1907," the following synopsis of the regulations in question has been received from the High Commissioner for Canada:—

"The regulations under this Act, which have recently been issued by the Department of Agriculture, and published at Ottawa, provide that every animal about to be slaughtered, with a view to the preparation of the carcasses, or any portion thereof, for food purposes *intended for export*, shall be examined by a veterinary inspector before entering the factory. Factories desirous of engaging in export trade must apply for inspection, and in cases where the sanitary condition of the establishment applying is satisfactory an officer to take charge of the inspection is appointed by the Canadian Government. An official number will be assigned to each establishment for which inspection is provided, and shall be used with the Crown and the words 'Canada Approved' to mark products passed as fit for food. Inspectors are authorised to refuse inspection if sanitary conditions are not observed. Employees must be free from tuberculosis or other communicable diseases. Any meat deemed by the inspector unfit for food shall be condemned. The preparation and packing shall be supervised by an inspector, who shall not allow any fixture, appliance or receptacle to be used unless the same is clean and sanitary. No food product shall contain any deleterious substances, and with the object of preventing their use the inspector shall procure samples of preservatives used, as also of the food products during or after preparation, for purposes of analysis. Power has also been taken to prevent the clearance of any vessel carrying carcasses, or any portions or products thereof, unless the same have been duly marked with the Crown and the words 'Canada Approved.'" The foregoing gives but a bare outline of the regulations, the full text of which may be consulted at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., or at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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# MINERAL PRODUCTION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The following particulars respecting the mineral production of Western Australia are taken from the Report of the State Department of Mines for the year 1906.

The quantity and value of the minerals raised during the year, as compared with 1905, were as follows:—

| Description of Minerals.            | 1905.     |           | 1906.     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                     | Quantity. | Value.    | Quantity. | Value.    |
|                                     |           | £         |           | £         |
| Black tin (raised) ... Statute tons | 1,079     | 86,840    | 1,495     | 157,644   |
| Coal (raised) ... .. "              | 127,364   | 55,312    | 149,755   | 57,998    |
| Copper ore (raised) ... .. "        | 2,389     | 16,266    | 7,430     | 50,337    |
| Gold (export and mint) Fine ozs.    | 1,955,316 | 8,305,654 | 1,794,547 | 7,622,749 |
| Ironstone (raised) ... Statute tons | 3,213     | 1,285     | 1,280     | 512       |
| Limestone (raised) ... .. "         | 9,145     | 1,220     | 9,472     | 1,691     |
| *Pig lead (exported)... .. "        | 2,730     | 34,471    | 2,681     | 44,460    |
| Silver (exported) ... .. Fine ozs.  | 359,744   | 44,278    | 282,145   | 37,612    |
| Tantalite (raised) ... Statute tons | 73        | 10,515    | 15        | 2,644     |
| Total values ... .. £               | —         | 8,555,841 | —         | 7,975,647 |

\* Contained in bullion from the Fremantle Smelters, Ltd.

**Gold.**—The output of gold for the year is 1,794,547 oz. fine, which is less by 160,769 oz. than for the year 1905. The returns from the majority of the goldfields show decreased productions, although in several cases substantial increases appear, and it is pointed out that in nearly every case the reduced output may be accounted for by the diminished production from a very few mines, thus showing that mining as a whole is on a sound footing. The value per ton of ore treated during 1906 was 50·54 shillings as against 58·51 shillings in 1905, the tonnage treated in 1906 being 234,827 tons in excess of that for the previous year.

**Tin.**—The tin output for the year as reported to the Department is valued at 157,644*l.*, being the highest so far recorded, and exceeding that for 1905 by 70,804*l.* The high price obtainable for this metal has enabled properties previously unpayable to be worked, has caused new mines to be opened up, and is leading to the installation of better treatment plants and improved methods. The only localities producing tin are the Pilbara and the Greenbushes fields, the former situated in the north-west of the State and the latter in the south. In both, the output for the year is a record one.

**Coal.**—The output of the Collie field shows an increase of 22,391 tons as compared with that for the year 1905. No new collieries have been opened up, the visible supply being far in excess of the demand. The Railway Department used 110,308 tons, as against 92,921 tons in 1905.

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**Copper.**—The output of copper for the year was valued at 50,337*l.*, being 34,071*l.* in excess of that for the previous year. The high price of copper induced a considerable amount of prospecting, and the year 1907 should show a considerably increased output. Development and prospecting work is also being done in the North Coolgardie, Yalgoo, Murchison, Ashburton and West Pilbara goldfields, and in West Kimberley, where rich finds were reported late in the year, and although inspection of the areas first occupied rather discounted the original reports there seems every reason to suppose that a rich mineral belt has been discovered which should well repay expenditure in prospecting and development.

**Silver** was obtained as a by-product to the value of 37,612*l.*, being less by 6,666*l.* than for the year 1905. **Limestone** and **iron-stone**, to the value of 1,691*l.* and 512*l.* respectively, were produced, but account has only been taken of that used in connexion with smelting operations. Deposits of **phosphatic rock** have been located in the Dandarragan district, but no development work has been done, and little, so far, can be said as to the value of the deposit.

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#### AGRICULTURE IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS.

The following particulars relating to the progress of the cotton, cacao, tobacco and rubber industries in the Leeward Islands are taken from the report for 1906-7, recently issued by the Colonial Office (*Annual*, No. 539):—

**Cotton.**—The cotton industry continues to make very considerable progress, and is now regarded as one of the important staples of the Leeward Islands. The season on the whole was an unfavourable one for cotton throughout the West Indies, but the industry appears to have been little checked thereby. The quality of the cotton, particularly in Antigua, has been considerably improved during the last year or two.

At **Antigua** several estates, which have not been under cultivation for very many years, have been cleared and planted in cotton. Two additional ginneries have been erected, and the ginnery hitherto profitably worked by the Department of Agriculture has been transferred to a company.

In **St. Kitts** the industry is very successfully carried on in conjunction with sugar: owing to the easily worked character of the soil of this island a crop of cotton can be grown on the sugar fields immediately before the sugar crop is planted, thus dividing the cost of cultivation between the two crops. Cotton has thus, in this island, become a valuable ally to sugar.

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Nevis a large area, some 1,700 acres, was planted in cotton, owing to unpropitious seasons, the crop is but a small one. It does not appear, however, any disposition to abandon the crop, which will be vigorously carried on for the next year's

Montserrat the industry has been successfully carried on and is now become a principal industry, ranking in importance with lime juice.

A considerable progress in cotton-growing has been made in Antigua, resulting in most marked changes in the welfare and condition of this small island, which has thus been restored to a state of prosperity beyond what it has enjoyed for a great number of years. Owing to conditions peculiar to the island the crops of cotton are not heavy; they are, however, quickly and cheaply raised and are of excellent quality. Over 1,000 acres are now planted in cotton, and there are three ginneries at work.

The following is a return of cotton exported from the Presidency of Antigua (including Barbuda), St. Kitts-Nevis, Montserrat and the Virgin Islands, during the years 1905, 1906 and the quarter ended 31st March, 1907. The value is taken at 1s. 6d.

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| Presidency.         | 1905.     |        | 1906.     |        | Quarter ended<br>31st March, 1907. |        |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
|                     | Quantity. | Value. | Quantity. | Value. | Quantity.                          | Value. |
|                     | Lb.       | £      | Lb.       | £      | Lb.                                | £      |
| Antigua ...         | 54,720    | 3,192  | 99,948    | 6,455  | 45,600                             | 3,420  |
| St. Kitts-Nevis ... | 163,778   | 12,283 | 298,519   | 22,389 | 218,947                            | 16,421 |
| Montserrat ...      | 82,312    | 6,173  | 86,698    | 6,502  | 141,042                            | 10,578 |
| Virgin Islands ...  | 4,100     | 135    | 6,975     | 205    | 2,400                              | 180    |
| Total ...           | 304,910   | 21,783 | 492,140   | 35,551 | 407,989                            | 30,599 |

The commercial extension of the cultivation of Sea Island cotton has been very marked in the Leeward Islands during the last four years. It is estimated that for the coming crop 10,000 acres are under cultivation in Antigua, 1,000 in Montserrat, 1,000 in St. Kitts-Nevis and Anguilla. In the Virgin Islands the cultivation of cotton is gradually being extended. In Dominica the cultivation has made practically no headway, it being found that the climatic conditions are unsuitable to its successful growth. In St. Kitts and Montserrat it would appear that cotton is gradually taking the place of cane as the staple crop.

Cacao continues to be one of the most important industries in Dominica, where the cultivation is being steadily

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extended. In **Nevis** pioneer cacao plantations are making progress; small crops will soon be reaped. It is not, however, probable that any considerable area of Nevis will be found suitable for cacao. The small plantations of cacao in **St. Kitts** are making sufficiently good progress to warrant further extensions, and large areas are now being planted in a tentative manner. The experimental plots of cacao at **Tortola** have made more progress than anticipated; as a result other small plots are being planted in favoured localities, and it appears possible that cacao may become a peasant industry.

**Tobacco.**—The experimental cultivation of tobacco continues to be pursued in **St. Kitts**. The results have so far been promising and point to the possibility of eventually establishing a tobacco industry in the island.

**Rubber.**—The cultivation of *Castilloa* rubber is being experimentally extended in all the islands. In **Dominica** there are a large number of trees. Some of those growing in the Botanical station have recently been tapped, and the resulting rubber sent to England for valuation and report. The reports obtained were favourable in all cases.

## SILK CONDITIONED AT EUROPEAN SILK CENTRES

H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) has forwarded the following return of the silk conditioned at Milan and other European silk centres during the nine months January to September, 1907, compared with the corresponding period of 1906 as published by the "Bollettino di Sericoltura" of Milan:—

| Silk Centres.   | January to September. |           |           |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|                 | Organsine.            |           | Tram.     |           | Raw.      |           | Other.  |         | Total.    |           |
|                 | 1906.                 | 1907.     | 1906.     | 1907.     | 1906.     | 1907.     | 1906.   | 1907.   | 1906.     | 1907.     |
|                 | Kilogs.               | Kilogs.   | Kilogs.   | Kilogs.   | Kilogs.   | Kilogs.   | Kilogs. | Kilogs. | Kilogs.   | Kilogs.   |
| Milan .....     | 1,449,360             | 1,082,615 | 1,118,540 | 1,060,780 | 4,843,260 | 4,973,485 | 188,663 | 351,805 | 7,199,823 | 7,199,823 |
| Lyons .....     | 673,052               | 783,493   | 779,851   | 850,601   | 3,542,678 | 3,972,424 | 47,441  | 70,919  | 5,043,022 | 5,043,022 |
| Zurich .....    | 378,351               | 405,570   | 450,130   | 434,139   | 289,937   | 253,959   | —       | —       | 1,118,418 | 1,118,418 |
| Crefeld .....   | 172,327               | 152,597   | 146,519   | 120,203   | 69,327    | 70,464    | 12,384  | 9,766   | 400,457   | 400,457   |
| Basle .....     | 195,743               | 257,684   | 123,495   | 148,555   | 102,151   | 110,432   | 223     | 1,058   | 421,612   | 421,612   |
| Turin .....     | 187,878               | 195,720   | 17,516    | 9,566     | 211,125   | 207,798   | 24,068  | —       | 440,587   | 440,587   |
| Elberfeld ..... | 223,430               | 253,738   | 120,297   | 136,396   | 124,871   | 146,799   | —       | —       | 467,598   | 467,598   |

## PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

### BURMA.

Supplement to the "Burma Gazette" for 21st September last contains a draft Notification issued by the **Royalty** Burmese Government in accordance with Sec. 32 of the Burma Forest Act (No. 4 of 1902), notifying that it is proposed to levy a *royalty* of **of Lac.** 100 viss\* on and after 1st January, 1908, on all *lac* by sea from Burma, whether obtained from land at the of the Government or not.

Further stated that the draft will be taken into consideration after 3rd November, 1907, and that any persons desirous of making any remarks on the proposed Notification should communicate with the Revenue Secretary, Rangoon.

\* A Burmese viss = about 3 lbs. 2 ozs.

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

On receipt of a cablegram from the Commonwealth Government has been received, through the Officer-in-Charge of the Commonwealth Offices in London, stating that the following is a further list of minor articles which may be admitted free of duty into the Commonwealth under the new Tariff.

**Apparel:** Buttons, pearl shirt buttons, plain or with a not exceeding trade 18 size, metal trouser buttons and buttons for underwear, bodice bones, vest and trousers and the like, whalebone collar supports, trouser clasps, plain coathangers, stud plates for ties, covered featherbone sets, dress-horn and casting, plain coat looping in hangers, rivets and washers for overall trousers.

**Trunks, portmanteaux, and trunks,** back flag hinges, 1½ inches or less.

**Nails,** galvanised nails and tacks.

**Boots and shoes,** buttons, brass plates, and spikes; for foot-plates, boot looping, plain and otherwise; and galoon bindings of colour, 1½ inches in width and under, button moulds, metal shanks for buttons.

**Harness** (breeching and trace), buckles and rings and chains. **Hats,** artificial silk and cotton braids, crinoline braids, hair plait, internal hatbands, celluloid and fabric combined; or imitation leathers.

**Umbrellas,** metal tubes slotted and fitted with springs, handles and shafts invoiced at 7s. 6d. each or less.

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#### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—*continued.*

For *saddles*, spring bars; for saddle-trees, stirrup bars, leathers, heads and sockets of pitch heads.

The following *tools of trade* are added to the bye-laws; Brass lamps, free-wheel removers, potatoe hooks, vine hooks, boot making moulds, case scrapers, cotton extractors, dental vulcanite scrapers, and jigs.

The following *machine tools* are added to the bye-laws: Punching machines and rim dividing machines.

A further cablegram has been received notifying that magazines containing advertisements exceeding one-fifth of the printed matter contained within the outside covers will be allowed to be delivered free of duty in Australia for a period of 12 months from 17th October last.

[*Note.*—After that date, the duty on the above magazines, under item 352c of the new Tariff, will be 6*d.* per lb.]

A copy of a cablegram has also been received, through the Office in-Charge of the Commonwealth Offices in London, notifying that the duty on "paraffin wax candles" (item 40*a*), manufactured in the United Kingdom has been fixed at 1½*d.* per lb. on and from 24th October. A duty of 2*d.* per lb. on such candles under the General Tariff has been passed, with effect from 19th October.

The following other tariff items have also been passed:—

|   | General<br>Tariff. | Tariff<br>produced<br>Unit<br>Kingdom |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Item 40 ( <i>b</i> ) Candles, tapers and night lights, n.e.i. per lb.                             | 1½ <i>d.</i>       | 1 <i>d.</i>                           |
| " 41 Solid spirit heaters ... .. "  | 1 <i>d.</i>        | 1 <i>d.</i>                           |
| " 42 Stearine, paraffin wax, beeswax, canambria, ceresine, and Japanese or vegetable wax ... .. " | 1 <i>d.</i>        | 1 <i>d.</i>                           |
| " 43 Lard and lard oil ... .. "   | 1 <i>d.</i>        | 1 <i>d.</i>                           |
| " 44 Mixed or compounded waxes ... .. "   | 1 <i>d.</i>        | 1 <i>d.</i>                           |
| " 45 ( <i>a</i> ) Confectionery, n.e.i., cocoa and chocolate, sugar candy, carbons, &c. ... .. "  | 3½ <i>d.</i>       | 3½ <i>d.</i>                          |
| " 45 ( <i>b</i> to <i>f</i> ) Other kinds of confectionery, &c. ... .. "                          | Various rates.     | Various rates.                        |

It is further stated that it has been determined that from 25th October all *medicated* confectionery shall be charged under the heading "sugar candy troches" (item 45 (*a*) above), instead of as pharmaceutical preparations, under item 291 (15 per cent *ad valorem*).

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH**—*continued.*

A copy of a Statutory Rule (No. 94 of 1907), dated 13th September, 1907, has been received from the Commonwealth Government repealing regulation No. 28 of the Rules No. 84 of 1906, made under the Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act of 1905, and substituting, with effect from the above date, the following regulation relating to the classification of butter for *export* from the Commonwealth.

28. The officer shall classify butter as follows:—

Superfine—Pure creamery butter containing not more than 14 per cent. of water, and classified at 95 to 100 points.

First grade—Pure creamery butter, classified at 90 to 94 points.

Second grade—Pure butter, classified at 83 to 89 points.

Third grade—Pure butter, classified at 75 to 82 points.

Pastry grade—Classified at less than 75 points.

The following Commerce Orders have also been received:—

No. 962.—It is stated in this Order, dated 19th July last

**Commerce  
Decisions.**

**Malt Extract.**

that importations of liquor are described on the labels as "malt extract," which on analysis show that the liquor is not a "malt extract" in the ordinary sense, but of the nature of a "stout" or "porter," and containing 11·08 per cent. of proof spirit. The application of the term "malt extract" is, without any qualification, a mis-description, and it is necessary to insert on the labels the true description of the goods, viz.:—"Beer" or "Stout" as the case requires, in conjunction with the term "malt extract." The country of origin must also be stated.

No. 966.—This Order, dated 24th July, 1907, states that watch chains are imported wrapped in tissue paper, but with each dozen or half-dozen chains attached to a metal ring. Each ring has a tag bearing the trade description of the chains.

**Jewellery.**

The Government state that the application of the trade description in this manner will be accepted, provided each chain is hall marked or stamped in accordance with Regulation 6 (2) h.

No 976.—This order of 28th August last, cancels Order 916 of 8th May, 1907,\* and substitutes the following regulation:

**White and Red  
Lead.**

"Whenever white or red lead is adulterated with chloride of barium or other adulterant, the trade description, if any, must be qualified by the word 'reduced.'"

\* See "Board of Trade Journal," for 27th June, 1907.

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**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH**—*continued.*

No. 972.—It is notified in this Order, dated 12th August, 1907, that it has been decided not to allow the term **Cognac Brandy.** "Cognac" to be applied to Australian brandies.

With regard to imported brandies a request has been made that the term "Cognac" may be restricted to brandy distilled from pure grape wine in the district of Cognac in France, but pending consideration of the question by the French Government, no such resolution can be approved for the present.

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

The "Transvaal Government Gazette" for 20th September last contains a Government Notice (No. 638 of 1907), dated 9th September, 1907, giving the following classifications and tariff decisions which have been agreed upon by the Principal Officers of Customs to the South African Customs Union:—

| Articles.                  | Item on<br>Tariff. | Rates of Duty.  | Rebate allowed<br>on Goods, the<br>produce of<br>the United<br>Kingdom<br>and reciprocating<br>Colonies. |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Plimsolls and slippers ... | 42                 | <p>15 % <i>ad val.</i><br/>with a minimum per pair of—<br/>Men's, 9d. per pair<br/>Women's, 6d. "<br/>Children's, 3d. "<br/>The classification is to be<br/>as follows—<br/>Men's, size 6 and over,<br/>9d. per pair<br/>Women's, size 2 and over,<br/>6d. per pair<br/>Children's—<br/>Male, below men's sizes,<br/>3d. per pair<br/>Female, below women's<br/>sizes... 3d. per pair<br/>[NOTE.—The measurements<br/>are to be English standard<br/>sizes.]<br/>Slippers of all descriptions<br/>and sandals are classed as<br/>"Boots and Shoes," as are<br/>also "Plimsolls" and<br/>Chinese footwear, and<br/>ordinarily the sizes men-<br/>tioned in the above item<br/>shall apply to them, but<br/>when they are of such a<br/>nature as will not render<br/>it clearly apparent by<br/>what sex or age they could</p> | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>   |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***SOUTH AFRICA**—*continued.*

| Articles.  | Item on<br>Tariff. | Rates of Duty.  | Rebate allowed<br>on Goods, the<br>produce of<br>the United<br>Kingdom<br>and reciprocating<br>Colonies. |
|--|--------------------|---|--|
| Containers, embossing and<br>labelling of net weights<br>thereon   | ....               | or would be worn, then<br>they are to be classed as<br>follows—<br>Children's, up to and in-<br>cluding size 3.<br>Women's, over size 3 to 6.<br>Men's, size over 6.<br>All tins and other recep-<br>tacles containing ingre-<br>dients liable to a rated<br>duty and to which the<br>general note to the tariff<br>is applicable must bear<br>indelibly stamped in the<br>vessel as well as printed<br>across the label the actual<br>weight of the contents,<br>otherwise duty will be<br>levied on the reputed<br>weights or measures. |  |
| School requisites, whether<br>imported for Government<br>schools or otherwise  | 111                | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>  | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>   |
| Souvenir books   | 160                | Free.   | —  |
| Rape seed  | 165                | Free.   | —  |
| Capsules for wine bottles...   | 175                | 15 % <i>ad val.</i>   | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>   |
| Aladdin lamps  | 175                | 15 % "  | 3 % "  |
| Rubber solution—used for<br>jointing of electric wire<br>or cables, imported in<br>tins or larger receptacles<br>(but not tubes) | 98b                | 3 % "   | 3 % "  |
| Sulphurous ether   | 175                | 15 % "  | 3 % "  |

**BASUTOLAND.**

The "Natal Government Gazette" for 24th September last contains a Government Notice (No. 558 of 1907) notifying that a Proclamation is being issued by the High Commissioner, with effect from 1st October, 1907, imposing an export duty of 100*l.* upon every Angora ram or ewe exported from Basutoland, except to Colonies and Territories having similar legislation.

It is further stated that as Basutoland comes under the provisions of the Natal Act, No. 12 of 1901 (for which see the "Board of Trade Journal" for 8th May, 1902), Angora rams and ewes may, with effect from 1st October last, be taken to and from Basutoland without the payment of any duty.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***EGYPT.**

The "Journal Officiel" for the 16th October contains the following revised valuation tariff for use in assessing import duties on iron and steel manufactures. The tariff was to come into force on 16th October and is to remain in operation for a period of three months (until 15th January 1908) or until denunciation:—

| Articles.   | Valuation per kilogramm |                   |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
|   | Former.                 | New.              |
|   | Milli-mes. †            | Milli-mes.        |
| Iron and steel plates, ordinary, without mark (†),<br>¼-inch thick and upwards: |                         |                   |
| British, and similar goods from all other countries ... ..                      | 7                       | 6½                |
| Belgian or German, and similar goods from all other countries ... ..            | 6½                      | 6½                |
| Iron and steel bars and angles, T and U, without mark (†):                      |                         |                   |
| British, and similar goods from all other countries ... ..                      | 6½                      | 5½                |
| Belgian or German, and similar goods from all other countries ... ..            | 6½                      | 5½                |
| Iron bars, Swedish ... ..   | 10½                     | 10½               |
| Iron, pig ... ..  | 3½                      | 3½                |
| Iron hoops ... ..   | 7½                      | 7½                |
| " with holes ... ..   | 8½                      | 8½                |
| Steel hoops ... ..  | 8                       | 8                 |
| " with holes ... ..   | 8½                      | 8½                |
| Galvanized sheets (B.G., 16 to 26) ... ..                                       | 14                      | 14                |
| Galvanized corrugated sheets (B.G., 16 to 26) ... ..                            | 13                      | 13                |
| Ordinary cast-iron pipes and fittings ... ..                                    | <i>ad valorem</i>       | <i>ad valorem</i> |
| Studs (Benwill's) new ... ..  | 26                      | 26                |
| " " old ... ..  | 21                      | 21                |
| " small ... ..  | 25                      | 25                |
| Nails (French), 15 by 35 to 24 by 200 ... ..                                    | 10½                     | 10½               |
| Iron and steel girders:   |                         |                   |
| British, and similar goods from all other countries ... ..                      | 6½                      | 5½                |
| Belgian or German, and similar goods from all other countries ... ..            | 5½                      | 5½                |

\* Duty is leviable on these valuations at the rate of 8 per cent. The £ ton is taken as equivalent to 1,016 kilogs.

† 1,000 millièmes = £E 1 = 17. 0s. 6d.

‡ The duties on iron and steel wares bearing special marks are levied *ad valorem*. The following are not regarded as special marks:—Siemens-Martin, S. M. Thomas, the names of manufacturers without crown-brands, or with a crown-brand, provided they do not indicate a special quality, as also all marks of which notice is given by the importers and which are accepted by hand by the Customs.

Iron tubes for gas, water and steam, and fittings therefor, iron tubes for boilers, are assessed at various rates in accordance with certain trade lists from which discounts are allowed.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***EGYPT—continued.**

Particulars with regard to these lists and discounts may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 12th October contains the following revised Valuation Tariff for use in assessing import duties on petroleum, which came into force on the 16th October, and is to remain in operation until the 15th February, 1908, or until denunciation:—

| Description.                                  | Unit.                                   | Valuation.* |
|---|---|-------------|
|   |   | Millièmes.† |
| American petroleum ... ..                     | { Per case ... ..                       | 195         |
|   | { Per can (not in case) ... ..          | 82½         |
| Safety petroleum ... ..                       | { Per case ... ..                       | 270         |
|   | { Per case (containing two cans) ... .. | 195         |
| Russian petroleum ... ..                      | { Per can (not in case) ... ..          | 82½         |
|   | { Per 66 lbs. ... ..                    | 120         |
| Russian and American petroleum in bulk ... .. | { or                                    |             |
|   | { Per ton of 1,000 kilogrammes ... ..   | 4,010       |
|   | { Per 66 lbs. ... ..                    | 105         |
| Roumanian petroleum in bulk ... ..            | { or                                    |             |
|   | { Per ton of 1,000 kilogrammes ... ..   | 3,508       |

\* Duty is leviable on these valuations at the rate of 4 per cent. [See "Journal" for 11th January, 1906, p. 70.]

† 1,000 millièmes = £E1 = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

Note—The above valuations include the cost of the cans (taken as 22½ millièmes each).

**GERMANY—GERMAN NEW GUINEA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a notice issued by the Governor of German New Guinea, on 1st August, to the effect that all goods coming from abroad and destined for the German Solomon Islands must pass the Customs at Kieta. Goods sent without a through bill of lading may only be shipped from the port of importation to Kieta after the bills of lading have been stamped by the Customs Authorities in that port.

**Customs  
Clearance of Goods  
destined for the  
German Solomon  
Islands.**

**TURKEY.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that a circular, dated 15/28th May, 1907, was issued by the Turkish Government to all the Custom Houses of the Empire allowing the entry of pure cotton seed oil from America which does not contain injurious matter.

**Entry of Pure  
Cotton Seed Oil  
Permitted.**

## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### RUSSIA.

With reference to the notice on p. 131 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 17th October, relating to the Straits of Kertch, it should be noted that the equivalent of 7 copeks, therein stated as 13s. 4d. should read 1½d. (one penny three farthings).

### NETHERLANDS.

H.M. Minister at The Hague has forwarded a memorandum on the subject of the deepening of the waterway from Rotterdam to the North Sea. The amount of 35,000*l.* originally assigned to this work in the estimates for the financial year 1907 was subsequently increased to 77,000*l.* In submitting the proposal to the Second Chamber the Minister of Public Works laid stress upon the necessity for rendering the Port of Rotterdam accessible to vessels of the same draught as will be admitted in the Suez Canal when the works of improvement there shall have been completed.

The required depth of 26½ feet at low water, which will enable ships drawing 29½ feet to proceed to Rotterdam without discharging part of their cargo at the Hook of Holland, already exists over a length of 24 kilometres. The remaining 9 kilometres, distributed over 13 sections of the waterway, will have to be deepened by dredging, the cost of which is estimated at from 83,000*l.* to 125,000*l.* In order to maintain this depth it is intended to increase the force of the tidal currents in the waterway by lengthening the Zuiderhoofd, and further by removing, by means of dredging, part of the Zuidwal. The cost of these latter works is estimated at from 145,000*l.* to 165,000*l.* The whole work would require three or four years to complete.

A map showing the proposed improvements in the waterway may be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### COLOMBIA.

With reference to the notice on p. 319 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 15th August last, relative to the report on the trade routes to Bogotá, describing the present position of the routes between the Magdalena River and the Capital, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, from H.M. Minister at Bogotá a copy of a report on the railways of Colombia.

It appears from the report that the total length of existing railways in Colombia amounts to 660½ kilometres, while concessions have been granted for the construction of further lines to a total length of 2,525 kilometres. Details of these concessions are given in the report, which may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

# MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

appears from "A Review of Mining Operations in the State of South Australia during the year ended 30th June, 1907," issued by the South Australian

### Abrasive Corundum.

Ministry of Mines, that the Government Geologist examined a find of abrasive corundum, made near Mounts and Painter, in the Flinders Range, south of the Yundnamutana tract. It is stated that the deposit is a remarkable one, and that large quantities of corundum suitable for abrasive purposes could be obtained from it if required. Fragments of sapphire, emerald, and red transparent rutile were found in the samples tested, and the presence of monazite was also detected.

The "Review" gives the following statistics of the output and value of the various metals and minerals produced in South Australia during the years 1905 and 1906:—

### Mineral production in 1906.

|                               | 1905.     |         | 1906.     |          |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|
|                               | Quantity. | Value.  | Quantity. | Value.   |
|                               |           | £       |           | £        |
| per ... .. cwt.               | 130,959   | 426,511 | 164,160*  | 718,609* |
| d ... .. "                    | 1,040     | 369     | 1,000     | 550      |
| per ore ... .. tons           | 2,568     | 28,434  | †         | †        |
| d ... .. oz.                  | 10,983    | 45,853  | 13,961    | 58,453   |
| stone ... .. tons             | 84,483    | 48,577  | 75,226    | 38,852   |
| estone ... .. "               | 44,498    | 4,791   | 31,940    | 4,791    |
| ... .. "                      | 32,500    | 13,000  | 55,000    | 27,500   |
| er metals and minerals ... .. | —         | 1,261   | —         | 1,263    |
| Total ... ..                  | —         | 568,796 | —         | 845,018  |

\* Including copper ore.

† Included in copper.

## NORWAY.

With reference to the notice on p. 133 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17th October respecting the Sydvaranger Iron Company, Limited (Norwegian), H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that at a General Meeting of the Shareholders held there on the 21st October the proposal of the Directors to take up a loan of 12,000,000 kroner to increase the capital by issuing new shares to the amount of 100,000 kroner was agreed to.

Krone=1s. 1½d.

### *Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.*

#### FRANCE-ALGERIA.

The Acting British Consul-General at Algiers (Hon. H. C. Dundas), in his report for 1906, writing on the subject of mining concessions in Algeria, states that no fresh concessions were granted during the year in the Departments of Algiers and Oran; two concessions were granted in the Department of Constantine, viz., Heliopolis-Bokedeman. The number of existing concessions in Algeria that are being worked is 85, 9 of them being in Oran, 20 in Algiers, and 56 in Constantine. The Acting Consul-General gives the following particulars of these mines:—

**Oran.**—Zinc and lead: Djebel-Masser, Djebel-Marzis. Iron: Bab-M'Teurba, Dar Rih. Camerata.

**Algiers.**—Zinc and lead: Guerrouma. Zinc: Djahamama, Ouarsenis. Iron: Ain Oudrer.

**Constantine.**—Zinc and lead: Mesloul, Ouasta, Kef-Rekma, Djebel-Soubella, Tiou-Knine, Chellala, Fedj-m'kamen, Kef-semmah, Hammam-N'Bails, Djebel-Z'Dim, Chabet-Mazeli, Ain-Arko, Dra-Sfa, Djebel-Felten, M'Cid-Aicha, Ain-Kechera, Djendeli, Afoural, Bou-Cherf, Ain-Roua, Sidi-Roumain. Iron: Ain-Mokra, Bou-Hamra, Timezrit. Iron and zinc: Djebel-Auini. Copper: Ain-Babar, Tadergount, Les Achaiches, Ouenza. Pyrites of iron: Ain Sedma. Mercury: Taghit. Sulphur: Heliopolis.

**Oran.**—At Ain-Zeft, petroleum.

**Algiers.**—The mine at Ain-Oudrer has again been opened, and the iron extracted is satisfactory.

The Djebel Hadid mine (iron) is also again being opened. The concessions of Sakamody yield zinc, and Larrath, iron. The iron and copper mine of Ben-Aquil is expected to yield good results. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,935.*)

The "Bulletin de l'Office du Gouvernement Général de l'Algérie" states that authorization has been granted to M. Albert Roux, of Constantine, to prospect for phosphate of lime in the "douar" Ouled-Sellem, district of Constantine.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

According to the United States Geological Survey, the total production of asphalt in the United States in 1906 amounted to 138,059 tons (of 2,000 lb.), valued at 1,290,340 dols., as against 115,265 tons, valued at 758,153 dols., in 1905, an increase in 1906 of 20 per cent. in quantity and of 70 per cent. in value. The production of the several varieties in 1906 is shown in the following table:—

##### **Asphalt Production.**

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.*

|                        | Quantity.            | Value.    |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
|                        | Tons of<br>2,000 lb. | Dols.     |
| s sandstone ... ..     | 24,085               | 70,686    |
| ... ..                 | 2,543                | 24,158    |
| refined, or gum ... .. | 24,178               | 341,106   |
| maltha ... ..          | 9,900                | 86,750    |
| ... ..                 | 12,947               | 159,960   |
| ... ..                 |                      |           |
| ... ..                 | 1,952                | 16,482    |
| ... ..                 | 62,454               | 591,248   |
| Total ... ..           | 138,059              | 1,290,340 |

**MEXICO.**

g to the New York "Engineering and Mining Journal," the Department of Fomento of Mexico has recently issued a statement to the effect that there are in the Republic more than 1,000 working principally for copper. Of these the State of as 302, Sonora 234, Michoacan 95, Lower California 65, as 53, and Durango 51. The properties of Jalisco are, comparatively small and the production light, so that for the State of Sonora with its Cananea camp is first, while California, with the Boleo Copper Company, comes next. er company, which sends all its shipments to Europe, is more than 25,000 tons of ore and producing about 9 lb. of copper per month. The latest reports from this of Lower California are to the effect that rich placer s being found on the Rio Tia Juana, about 80 miles t of San Diego, Cal., and that a large Los Angeles company ing to start dredging operations.

**AGRICULTURE.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

es of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in Prices. the week ended the 26th October, 1907, were as follows:—

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Wheat ... ..  | 35s. 9d. |
| Barley ... .. | 27s. 2d. |
| Oats ... ..   | 18s. 7d. |

urther particulars see p. 232.

ment is published on p. 233, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce of Agri- imported into the United Kingdom during the Produce. week ended the 26th October, 1907, as well imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

### *Agriculture.*

#### **BAHAMAS.**

The report on the Bahamas, recently issued by the Colonial Office, contains an appendix by the Curator of the **Sisal Cultivation**. Botanic Gardens, in which it is stated that the prospects of sisal there are most encouraging. Sisal cultivation is steadily increasing, 25,000 acres being now under cultivation. The fibre produced is of good quality and strength, although there are still complaints about short and badly-cleaned fibre. As much as six cents per pound has been obtained during the greater part of the year for hand-cleaned fibre, while 8 and 9 cents are common figures for machine-cleaned. 3,867,034 lbs., valued at 40,140*l.*, were exported in 1906, as against 3,040,045 lbs., valued at 37,522*l.*, in 1905. (*Colonial Office, Annual, 543.*)

#### **ITALY—SICILY.**

With reference to the notice on p. 477 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 5th September, respecting sumach prospects in Sicily, H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) reports that prices are falling owing to the fear that foreign buyers are shy of the product. The banks which are in possession of important stocks on which advances were made are also seeking buyers. Their stocks consist of last year's crop. Limited quantities are being bought at 22-23 lire for the mascolino and 18-19 lire for the femminello per 100 kilos. free at the mill in Palermo.

With regard to the citrus industry Mr. Churchill reports that the local association of lemon growers—the **Citrus Industry**. Meridionale—has ceased to exist.

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

H.M. Consul at Portland, Oregon (Mr. J. Laidlaw) reports that it is now possible to give fairly correct estimates of the grain harvests of his Consular District. The yield of wheat is the largest on record and the quality generally above the average. Heavy and continued rains during the month of September reduced the quality of marketable wheat to a considerable extent. The following figures taken from the "Commercial Review" are believed to be conservative :—

|                   | Wheat.     | Oats.      | Barley.    |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                   | Bushels.   | Bushels.   | Bushels.   |
| Oregon ... ..     | 19,050,000 | 8,500,000  | 1,750,000  |
| Washington ... .. | 38,000,000 | 12,000,000 | 7,500,000  |
| Idaho... ..       | 6,350,000  | 5,000,000  | 3,000,000  |
|                   | 63,400,000 | 25,500,000 | 12,250,000 |

*Agriculture.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**—*continued.*

ing estimated home consumption and seed, the surplus  
t and consumption of export millers will be about  
0 bushels of wheat, which is about 45 per cent. more  
ng 1906.

tated that California will draw heavily on the Portland  
to supplement the shortage there, and from present  
es exports to Europe will be much larger than for some  
t.

ng British Consul at Savannah (Mr. A. Harkness) reports  
that the culture of Sumatra tobacco has grown  
to considerable proportions below Bainbridge,  
in Decatur County, Georgia, and around Quincy,  
about twenty-five miles east of Bainbridge. This tobacco  
fancy prices and is mostly shipped to factories in the  
Tampa and even to Cuba. There is said to be no better  
grown than is produced in that section of Georgia and

ber of experiments in tobacco culture are being made also  
t County, Georgia. It is believed that they will be success-  
at eventually the tobacco industry of South Georgia and  
ill prove an important feature in the agricultural products  
tates.

reported that a company has been organized at Madison,  
with a capital of 50,000 dols., for the purpose of cultivating  
tobacco on a large scale; stores and warehouses have been  
nd 160 acres of land purchased to be planted with tobacco.  
so reported from Jesup, in Wayne County, Georgia, that  
experiments in tobacco growing have been made there  
and it is expected that a company for extensive tobacco  
ill be formed in that county next year.

**JAPAN.**

erence to the notice on p. 31 of the "Board of Trade  
Journal" of the 3rd October relating to the  
crop. prospects of the Japanese rice crop, a further  
communication has now been received from  
sh Commercial Attaché at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe)  
that, according to the latest estimate of the Japanese  
nt of Agriculture and Commerce (published on the 3rd  
the crop would amount to 49,812,435 koku, which is  
n koku in excess of last year's figure.

1 koku = 4.96 bushels.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 24th October, 1906,

**Cotton Statistics.** was 85,890 (including 17 bales British West Indian and 69 bales British West African).

the number imported during the forty-three weeks ended the 24th October was 3,565,633 (including 5,749 bales British West Indian and 8,858 bales British West African). As regards exports of cotton for the week ended the 24th October, 5,897 bales, for the forty-three weeks, 414,739 bales.

For further details see p. 232.

### BRITISH INDIA.

According to the Report for 1906-7 on the Sea-borne Trade of British India, Customs Administration of the Bombay Presidency, excluding Sind, the value of the imports of merchandise (excluding coasting trade and Government transactions) during that year amounted to Rs. 38,06,17,864, as compared with a value of Rs. 36,51,93,924 in 1905-6, while the exports of Indian produce during 1906-7 were valued at Rs. 42,76,35,944 compared with Rs. 45,73,65,514 in the previous year.

The trade is practically wholly absorbed by the chief port, Bombay. The increase in the imports into that port was shared by machinery (82 lakhs), hardware (18 lakhs), coal (16 lakhs), railway plant and rolling stock (49 lakhs on account of new railways). The decline in exports from Bombay is accounted for by decreases in wheat (142 lakhs), cotton twist and yarn (165 lakhs) and opium (54 lakhs).

### CEYLON.

The following figures, showing the values of the total imports and exports of Ceylon from and to the United Kingdom, British Colonies and Foreign Countries during the years 1905 and 1906 (omitting specie and coal exported for use of steamers, but including other exports) are taken from the Ceylon Customs Administration Report for 1906:—

|                   |     | Imports.    |             | Exports.    |             |
|-------------------|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                   |     | 1905.       | 1906.       | 1905.       | 1906.       |
|                   |     | Rs.         | Rs.         | Rs.         | Rs.         |
| United Kingdom    | ... | 25,175,000  | 29,600,000  | 53,975,000  | 53,450,000  |
| British Colonies  | ... | 70,525,000  | 70,650,000  | 19,000,000  | 20,525,000  |
| Foreign Countries | ... | 12,625,000  | 12,525,000  | 29,200,000  | 35,725,000  |
| Total             | ... | 108,325,000 | 112,775,000 | 102,175,000 | 109,700,000 |

*Miscellaneous.*

analysis of the figures, Mr. E. B. Denham, of the Ceylon Service, remarks that the majority of the articles which are sent into Ceylon to a larger extent from foreign countries than the United Kingdom or a British Colony are the specialities of those countries, and not articles in which the United Kingdom or her Colonies have ever competed. Other articles are specialities of the countries from which they are imported, German beer, Dutch cheese, Japanese jinrickshas (carriages), German sheet-glass, Chinese mats and baskets, and "scientific" manures, or specially cheap goods.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade have been notified by the Agent-General for Victoria of the following alterations in butter grades in connexion with the export of Australian butter:—

"Superfine" instead of "First Class Superfine"—95-100 points instead of 94-100 points; "First Grade" instead of "First Class"—90-94 points inclusive, instead of 86-93 points; "Second Grade" instead of "Second Class"—83-89 points instead of 80-89 points; "Third Grade" instead of "Third Class"—75-82 points instead of under 75 points; "Pastry" butter under 75 points.

This change came into operation on the 23rd September last.

**NATAL.**

Notice to the effect of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 15th August last, respecting a Bill introduced into the Natal Parliament for the purpose, *inter alia*, of increasing the tax on commercial travellers, the Board of Trade have been notified by the Colonial Office that the Bill has been withdrawn by the Government.

**NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.**

News has been received at the Colonial Office from the Officer Administering the Government of the Nyasaland Protectorate, reporting that the Nyasaland Order in Council of the 6th July, 1907, published in the "London Gazette" of 3rd September, by which the designation of the territory previously known as the British East Africa Protectorate was changed to that of the Nyasaland Protectorate, and a new constitution was established, came into operation on the 21st October.

*Miscellaneous.***LEEWARD ISLANDS.**

The following figures, taken from the report on the Leeward Islands for 1906-7 (*Colonial Office, Annual, Trade in 1906. No. 539*), show the total value of imports and exports, exclusive of internal trade between the Presidencies, for the years 1905-1906:—

| From and to—                    | Imports. |         | Exports. |         |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
|                                 | 1905.    | 1906.   | 1905.    | 1906.   |
|                                 | £        | £       | £        | £       |
| United Kingdom ... ..           | 177,119  | 178,587 | 122,970  | 161,614 |
| British Colonies ... ..         | 62,019   | 68,227  | 226,593  | 178,445 |
| United States of America ... .. | 151,968  | 147,020 | 40,239   | 43,143  |
| Other Foreign Countries ... ..  | 12,375   | 13,417  | 58,192   | 16,006  |
| Total ... ..                    | 403,481  | 407,251 | 447,994  | 399,208 |

**TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.**

The following comparative statistics of the import and export trade of the Turks and Caicos Islands are extracted from the report recently issued by the Colonial Office (*Annual, No. 541*):—

| From and to—             | Imports. |        | Exports. |        |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
|                          | 1905.    | 1906.  | 1905.    | 1906.  |
|                          | £        | £      | £        | £      |
| United Kingdom ... ..    | 5,490    | 3,958  | 225      | 780    |
| British Colonies ... ..  | 3,975    | 5,727  | 3,866    | 5,297  |
| Foreign Countries ... .. | 18,765   | 17,887 | 19,807   | 18,863 |
| Total ... ..             | 28,230   | 27,572 | 23,898   | 24,940 |

**CUBA.**

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) reports, on the authority of the New York "Tribune," that the American Sugar Refining Company—the Sugar Trust—has acquired the property of the Colonial Sugars Company in Cuba, and that this new acquisition, together with the plantations recently obtained, costing about 20,000,000 dols. (4,000,000*l.*), will give the American Company control of about 15 per cent. of the present sugar output of Cuba. It is expected that a number of other important plantations will be taken over shortly.

*Miscellaneous.***PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.**

Consul at Beira (Mr. R. C. F. Maugham) has forwarded a copy of a new tariff of trading licences introduced in the Territories of Manica and Sofala, administered by the Mozambique Company, on the 1st September. The taxes on commercial travellers and agents are as follow :— £

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Class 2. Commercial agents, whether representing foreign firms or not, importing goods by sea for commercial purposes or orders for the supply of goods imported by sea, allowed to carry on forwarding of goods in transit and on of goods by land or sea, with or without an office | 40 |
| Commercial agents being representatives of firms and in Rhodesia, who only forward goods for that whether those goods be in transit, previously imported used in Beira; being permitted to carry on the export by sea of goods from Rhodesia  | 10 |
| Commercial agents who only conduct transactions in territory, with or without an office in Beira  | 5  |
| Commercial travellers without an office in Beira, they carry samples or not, for each trip  | 10 |
| Commercial travellers with an office in Beira, or those in in Beira more than one month, must pay in accordance s 2.  |    |

**CHINA.**

Commercial Attaché to H.M. Legation at Peking (Sir Alexander Hosie), reporting on Chinese exports in 1906, states that wood oil has come into great prominence in recent years as a paint oil, and has created a considerable amount of business in America, Europe and other parts of the world. The oil whose fruit it is expressed is a native of the Yangtsze River Valleys. H.M. Consul-General at Hankow reports export of wood oil from that port as 563,706 cwt. and the value (c. i. f.) in Europe or America at 35 $\frac{1}{2}$  per ton; H.M. Consul at Wuchow reports that 48,329 cwt. passed the Imperial Maritime Customs destined for foreign—in other words, Hong Kong. Complaint is still made of adulteration of this oil with bean and other oils, a practice continuance will inevitably check the development of an industry capable of great expansion.

**STATISTICAL TABLES.****Cotton Returns.**

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 43 Weeks ended 24th October, 1907 :—

|                      | Week ended<br>24th Oct.,<br>1907. | 43 Weeks<br>ended<br>24th Oct.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>24th Oct.,<br>1907. | 43 Weeks<br>ended<br>24th Oct.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 63,687                            | 2,670,225                                | 2,756                             | 213,643                                  |
| Brasilian ... ..     | 4,197                             | 187,683                                  | 950                               | 17,023                                   |
| East Indian ... ..   | 1,273                             | 191,960                                  | 1,703                             | 64,267                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 10,525                            | 383,582                                  | 441                               | 108,342                                  |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 5,708*                            | 132,183†                                 | 47                                | 11,464                                   |
| Total ... ..         | 85,390                            | 3,565,633                                | 5,897                             | 414,739                                  |

\* Including 17 bales British West Indian and 69 bales British West African.

† " 5,749 " " " " 8,858 " " "

**Corn Prices.**

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 26th October, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

|                                      |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                      |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
| Week ended 26th October, 1907 ... .. |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Corresponding week in—               |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                          |  | 27             | 5  | 26      | 3  | 16    | 11 |
| 1901 ... ..                          |  | 26             | 2  | 26      | 10 | 17    | 7  |
| 1902 ... ..                          |  | 25             | 0  | 26      | 7  | 17    | 3  |
| 1903 ... ..                          |  | 26             | 0  | 24      | 2  | 15    | 8  |
| 1904 ... ..                          |  | 30             | 6  | 24      | 11 | 15    | 10 |
| 1905 ... ..                          |  | 27             | 4  | 24      | 11 | 16    | 8  |
| 1906 ... ..                          |  | 26             | 7  | 24      | 10 | 16    | 10 |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**

**Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 26th October, 1907, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.**

|  |            | Week ended<br>26th Oct.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|--|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..   | Number.    | 8,882                             | 6,841                               |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..   | "          | 1,588                             | 2,391                               |
| Swine ... ..   | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..  | "          | 277                               | 280                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...                                     | Cwts.      | 151,151                           | 88,635                              |
| Mutton " " " " " "   | "          | 105,751                           | 59,856                              |
| Pork " " " " " "   | "          | 12,891                            | 12,456                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..   | Cwts.      | 76,977                            | 102,257                             |
| Beef ... ..  | "          | 2,801                             | 2,478                               |
| Hams ... ..  | "          | 13,171                            | 23,114                              |
| Pork ... ..  | "          | 4,440                             | 3,028                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh ... ..   | "          | 10,893                            | } 11,782                            |
| " " " " " " salted ... ..  | "          | 963                               |                                     |
| " " " " " " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) | "          | 10,112                            |                                     |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                     |
| Butter ... ..  | Cwts.      | 56,768                            | 68,330                              |
| Margarine ... ..   | "          | 14,322                            | 21,271                              |
| Cheese ... ..  | "          | 61,907                            | 73,424                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..   | "          | 2                                 | —                                   |
| " " " " " " cream ... ..   | "          | 95                                | 103                                 |
| " " " " " " condensed ... ..   | "          | 17,948                            | 17,127                              |
| " " " " " " preserved, other kinds ... ..  | "          | 86                                | 178                                 |
| Eggs ... ..  | Grt. Hndr. | 506,042                           | 427,207                             |
| Poultry ... ..   | Value £    | 4,222                             | 3,663                               |
| Game ... ..  | "          | 8,960                             | 2,843                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ... ..  | Cwts.      | 22,090                            | 24,906                              |
| Lard ... ..  | "          | 80,130                            | 25,963                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..   | Cwts.      | 2,461,600                         | 1,405,300                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..  | "          | 210,200                           | 215,900                             |
| Barley ... ..  | "          | 948,800                           | 789,800                             |
| Oats ... ..  | "          | 265,600                           | 216,700                             |
| Peas ... ..  | "          | 187,210                           | 36,340                              |
| Beans ... ..   | "          | 89,870                            | 8,190                               |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..  | "          | 1,190,200                         | 966,000                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                     |
| Apples ... ..  | Cwts.      | 108,738                           | 151,817                             |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..  | "          | 52                                | —                                   |
| Bananas ... ..   | Bunches.   | 181,381                           | 109,062                             |
| Cherries ... ..  | Cwts.      | —                                 | —                                   |
| Currants ... ..  | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..  | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..  | "          | 87,280                            | 70,510                              |
| Lemons ... ..  | "          | 30,018                            | 12,157                              |
| Oranges ... ..   | "          | 10,556                            | 12,428                              |
| Pears ... ..   | "          | 17,606                            | 14,539                              |
| Plums ... ..   | "          | 226                               | 8,064                               |
| Strawberries ... ..  | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | "          | 5,679                             | 10,853                              |
| Hay ... ..   | Tons.      | 895                               | 3,379                               |
| Straw ... ..   | "          | 1,588                             | 1,060                               |
| Moss Litter ... ..   | "          | 1,627                             | 1,211                               |
| Hops ... ..  | Cwts.      | 6,956                             | 6,236                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..  | "          | 56,404                            | 21,657                              |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                     |
| Onions ... ..  | Bushels.   | 220,840                           | 194,726                             |
| Potatoes ... ..  | Cwts.      | 205,997                           | 19,639                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..  | "          | 11,794                            | 9,109                               |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | Value £    | 8,777                             | 4,185                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                     |
| Preserved by canning ... ..  | Cwts.      | 14,191                            | 15,295                              |
|  | "          | 5,088                             | 7,043                               |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of September, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 2d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first, and 3s. 4d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the October issue:—State of the Labour Market in September; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration Boards in 1906; Proceedings under the Conciliation Act during 1905-7; Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom; Emigration in 1906; Earnings at Corn Harvest; and House Letting in Scotland.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

### ANNUAL SERIES.

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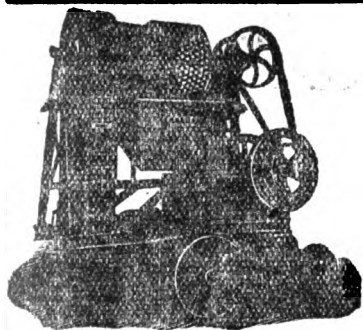
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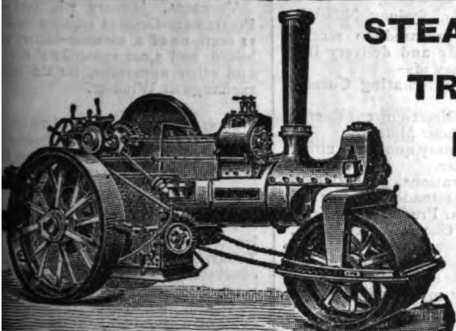
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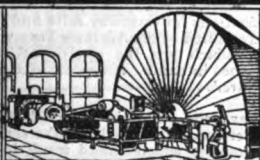
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**ALBANY (W.A.), November 18th.**—Tenders are required by the municipal authorities of Albany for the public and private lighting of the town by gas or electricity for the next 15 years. Tenders to Town Clerk, Ernest P. Paton.

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**ADELAIDE, November 26th.**—The Agent-General for South Australia, 28, Bishopsgate Street, Within, E.C., has received specifications for tramway rails and fish-plates required by the Adelaide Tramways Trust, which has the electrification of these lines in hand. A deposit of £3 3s. is required.

**SHOREDITCH.**—The borough electrical engineer having pointed out the serious consequences which would result if the largest feed pump at Whiston Street station should break down temporarily, and the necessity of providing an additional pump which would be available in such a contingency, the Lighting Committee is obtaining quotations for a boiler feed pump dealing with at least 5,000 gallons per hour. The estimated cost is £100.

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**TOSARRA.**—Tenders have just been invited by the municipal authorities of Tosarra (province of Albacete) for concession for the electric lighting of the town during a period of four years, by the municipal authorities of Alcala (Valencia province) for a term of years.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, June, 1907.**—The municipal authorities of Buenos Ayres are reported to be about to invite tenders for the concession for the construction and working of an underground electric tramway in the city. Tenders will be received until June 1st, 1908, particulars may be had from the Legation in Paris.

**AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE, November 15th.**—6,000 dry cells for the Deputy Postmaster-General of Victoria, Commonwealth Offices, 73, Victoria Street, S.W., or Board of Trade Communications Intelligence Department. Specifications can be seen at the offices of the "Electric Review."

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Importers of Beefwood, Black Ebony, Blackwood, Bird Eye Maple,  
Boxwood, Pencil Cedar, Cornel, Cocobolo, Cocuswood, Hickory, Lancewood,  
Lignum Vitæ, Partridge-wood, Persimmons, Rosewood, Sabicu, Satinwood,  
Snakewood, Tulipwood, Walnut (Circassian and American), Yewtree,  
Zapatero, Zebrawood, &c., &c.

Manufacturers of Ash Boat Oars, Handspikes, and of  
Cornel and Persimmons Shuttle Blocks.

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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. — registered telegraphic address, "Advantage, London," Code—5th Edition A.B.C., telephone number 12807 Central. A statement of the objects and work of the Branch will be found on p. 291.

The attention of British traders is directed to the Sample Room, where the following are on view, with other exhibits:—

| Samples.  | Reference in "Board of Trade Journal." |                   |
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| Copper ore from Rhodesia ... ..   | 7th Nov., 1907                         | 274               |
| Landolphia rubber from Natal ... ..   | " "                                    | 278               |
| Vegetable asbestos produced in Chungking ... ..   | 24th Oct., "                           | 183               |
| Locally manufactured native silk from Crete ... ..  | 17th " "                               | 120-1             |
| Gum arabic from Egypt ... ..  | 3rd " "                                | 33                |
| Talc from Venezuela... ..   | " " "                                  | 29                |
| Salt from Dealesville, Orange River Colony ... ..   | 26th Sept., "                          | 615               |
| Locally dyed cotton cloth sold in Chungking ... ..  | 12th " "                               | 518               |
| Fruit of the <i>Myristica sebifera</i> and its product <i>Myristina</i> (a vegetable fat) from Guatemala ... ..                         | 5th " "                                | 481               |
| Mangrove bark from Inhambane ... ..   | " " "                                  | 477               |
| Monazite sand, manganese ore, cocoa, coffee, rubber, whale-oil, rosewood, carnauba wax and coquillo nuts from the State of Bahia ... .. | 22nd Aug., "                           | 376<br>382<br>383 |
| Cotton goods sold in Uskub ... ..   | 1st " "                                | 230               |
| Rafia wax from Madagascar ... ..  | 4th July, "                            | 39                |
| Silk produced by improved methods at Hochou ... ..  | " " "                                  | 34                |
| " Pochote" fibre, cleaned, from Mexico ... ..   | " " "                                  | 34                |
| Angola root rubber, and Pungo Andongo rubber ... ..   | 27th June, "                           | 621               |
| Sardines canned at Nagasaki ... ..  | 20th " "                               | 575               |
| Bark, also pine-apple fibre, from Inhambane ... ..  | 13th " "                               | 525               |
| Silk and cocoons from Persia ... ..   | 6th " "                                | 455-9             |
| Cotton cloth sold in Albania... ..  | " " "                                  | 472               |

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—India, Dominion of Canada, Queensland, Transvaal and Orange River Colony. Statements of the objects and work of these Enquiry Offices will be found on pp. 291-2.

## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway are prepared to receive up to noon on Tuesday, **Railway Material** the 12th November, tenders for the supply of—  
1. Wheels and axles; 2. Helical and volute

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springs; 3. Miscellaneous tools and stores; 4. Wood pins, &c.; and 5. Metals. Tenders must be made on copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained at the office of the Company, Gloucester House, 2, 3, and 4, Bishopsgate Without, London, E.C., on payment of 21s. each (which be returned). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

### CANADA.

The following commercial enquiries have been received

**Commercial  
Enquiries.**

**Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Road,  
London, S.W., whence further information  
regarding them may be obtained:—**

#### HOME ENQUIRIES.

A correspondent in Scotland, connected with the whole retail grocery and provision trade, is desirous of representing Canadian canners of **meat, tongues, fruit, &c.**

A London firm wish to be placed in touch with Canadian producers of **antimony ore**, with a view to purchasing supplies.

Enquiry is made by a London firm of hardware merchants the names of exporters in Canada of **shovel eye handles and arms.**

A North of England firm wish to get into communication with Canadian exporters of **spool wood.**

A London firm desire to get into touch with wholesale retail **drapery** establishments in Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Ottawa, London (Ontario), Kingston, Vancouver (British Columbia), and Victoria (British Columbia).

A North of England firm wish to get into communication with Canadian importers of **palm and other oils; also chemical fertilisers.**

The same firm also wish to import from Canada various **amalgams**, such as **ferro-chrome** and **ferro-silicon.**

A London firm desire to import large quantities of **wool** from Canada.

A firm of export merchants in London, interested in **guano**, desire to get into communication with Canadian importers.

An English firm interested in the import of **frozen chickens** on a large scale for the London market desire to get into touch with Canadian firms of high standing who can meet their requirements in this respect. The chickens should weigh from 2½ to 3 lb.

An Irish correspondent, in a position to supply **gloves, mittens, hosiery**, plain and fancy articles, all made of home-grown wool by Irish peasants, desires to get into touch with Canadian importers.

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Washire firm are prepared to import from Canada supplies of **wood strips** (birch, beech, ash, maple, orham), 2½ in. wide by ½ in. thick, in lengths from 2 ft. 6 in., rising every 6 in. to 7 ft. They are tied up in bundles, each bundle to contain 36 pieces of wood.

Washire firm desire to get into touch with firms in Canada for **cut spruce** on the rotary principle.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRY.**

Commission agent in Montreal interested in timber limits for **gum pulp-wood, pine-wood, cedar, &c.**, desires to be placed in communication with importers in the United Kingdom.

For further information regarding any of the above, communication should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 100 Victoria Street, S.W.

Following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.**, for further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**HOME ENQUIRIES.**

Company manufacturing **chocolate, confectionery novelties, Christmas crackers** seek suitable Canadian resident agents. Any firm wish to get into communication with Canadian exporters who can supply **pitwood** in large quantities.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

Montreal firm report an opening for medium class **twines** and like to hear from United Kingdom manufacturers who supply satisfactory goods at moderate prices.

Enquiry has been received for the addresses of United Kingdom manufacturers of **machines for manufacturing tar paper**.

Firms in Montreal are in a position to do business in **goods used in paper trade** and allied industries.

Commission merchant in Montreal possessing an established connection with the wholesale **grocery** trade would be pleased to act as agent for United Kingdom shippers of suitable goods.

For further information regarding any of the above, communication should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

Board of Trade have received from their correspondent at Melbourne (Mr. Max Hirsch) copies of the specification and conditions relating to tenders for the supply of 30 metallic circuit telephone wires (100 lines). Tenders will be received by the Deputy Secretary-General, Melbourne, till 3 p.m. on the 31st December.

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The specification and conditions may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Copies may be obtained at the Australian Commonwealth Offices in London, 72, Victoria Street, S.W., where also preliminary deposits on tenders may be paid.

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**VICTORIA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the office of the Agent-General for Victoria, 142, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. :—

**Commercial Enquiries.**

A reputable Melbourne firm are desirous of representing in Victoria British manufacturers of oils and varnish.

A highly respected Melbourne firm are desirous of being placed in communication with British manufacturers of wall paper, with a view to representing them in the State of Victoria.

A Melbourne firm of good standing are desirous of representing a British firm of frame moulding manufacturers.

NOTE.—For further information respecting the above, application should be made to the Agent-General for Victoria, 142, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.

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**CAPE COLONY.**

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of the 15th October announces that tenders are invited for the supply

**Railway Stores.** of the following stores required for the service of the Cape Railway Department during the year 1908:—Boots and shoes, brushware, candles, grain bags, grease, hammer &c. handles, leather and leather goods, lime, soap, tallow, and tanks.

A preference of ten per cent. will be allowed on supplies manufactured entirely from Colonial-grown articles, and five per cent. on goods manufactured from imported ingredients, or partially so.

Further particulars, conditions, &c., have been received from the Board of Trade Correspondent at Cape Town (Mr. E. J. Cattell), and may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. It should be noted, however, that the dates for receipt of tenders (13th, 20th, and 27th November) only admit of firms tendering who have arrangements with their agents that can be availed of by cable.

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*Openings for British Trade.***EGYPT.**

Journals Officiel" of 23rd and 28th October announce that tenders are invited by the Egyptian War Department, and will be received at the Financial Secretary's Office, Cairo, for the supply of:—(1) 150 tons of best refined cotton-seed oil, 35 tons caustic soda, 60/62 per cent., 20 tons of Candia or Syrian pure olive oil, and 12 tons of silicate of soda, to be delivered at Department Stores, Tourah—tenders will be received up on the 3rd December; (2) cadets' boots that may be during 1908—tenders will be received up to noon on the 3rd December; (3) 50,000 flour sacks to be delivered into the mill at Tourah Mills—tenders will be received up to noon 30th December.

Conditions of contract and samples may be inspected at the Financial Secretary's Office, Cairo.

**NORWAY.**

Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Norwegian State Railways have issued a call for tenders\* for the supply of 864,700 "dogs" (spikes). Tenders marked "Anbud" are to be delivered by 3 p.m. on 22nd November at Konsens for Statsbanerne Expeditionskontor," Christiania.

Conditions of conditions, specification and drawing may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

Consul also reports that the Corporation of Vardö have issued a call for tenders for the supply and delivery of 290 tons of cast-iron pipes, 38 tons of galvanized asphalted steel pipes, and a number of valves, &c. Tenders are to be delivered by the 30th November, 1907, to "Stadsingeniören" at Vardö.

Conditions of the specifications, conditions, and drawings may be inspected by British makers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

**SWEDEN.**

Consul at Stockholm (Mr. H. M. Villiers) reports that tenders are invited for the supply to the Swedish Army of 60,000 woollen blankets—30,000 to be delivered before 1st March. 1908.

From the usual Customs duties, a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is granted to Norwegian manufacturers. In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenders not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

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### **SWEDEN**—*continued.*

and 30,000 before the end of 1908. Written tenders will be received until noon on the 15th November, addressed to "Armens intendenturforrad Sheppsholmen, Stockholm," in envelopes marked "Sangfilar 1907."

A sample of the material required, together with a copy of the specification and form of contract, may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Consul also reports that the Wexjo Hospital invites tenders for the supply and delivery of 1,800 tons of Welsh coal (Nixon's Navigation) for 1908. Sealed tenders must reach Kungl. Hospitalsdirektionen, Wexjo, Sweden, by noon on 18th November. The coal must be delivered free of charge either at the hospital or on the Wexjo-Tingsteds Railway, half on 15th January, 1908, and the other half by 15th June, 1908. Tenders must state at which place delivery will be effected. The origin of the coal must be attested by a Swedish Consul. Certificates are required from the steamer as to shipment, and from the railway as to the weight of the coal.

**Coal.**

### **DENMARK.**

H.M. Consul at Aarhus (Mr. G. F. Stark) reports that tenders are invited by the Lighting Department of that city for a gasometer to contain 1,000,000 cubic feet of gas. Tenders will be received up to 10 a.m. on the 30th November at Aarhus Belysningsvæsen, where also the conditions of contract may be obtained on payment of 3 kr. (3s. 4d.).

Copies of the conditions and specification, together with drawing, may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73 Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### **BELGIUM.**

The "Moniteur Belge" of 29th October announces that tenders are invited by the Société Nationale des Chemins de fer vicinaux, for the construction of the section between Souvret (rue des Fosses) and Fontaine-l'Evêque (station), on the railway from Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont to Anderlues, at the estimated cost of 73,127 frs. (about 2,925*l.*). A deposit of 7,000 frs. (about 280*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

Tenders will be received at the offices of the Société, Rue de la Science 14, Brussels, up to the 26th November, where also the conditions may be obtained at a cost of 1 fr.

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### **BELGIUM**—*continued.*

The issue of the "Moniteur" also announces that tenders are invited by the Société for the supply of 200 crossings, points for rails of 25 kilogs., 200 crossings (A. and B.), and 200 switches with double action. will be received at the offices of the Société, as above, 2th November, where also plans and conditions may be at a cost of 6 frs. and 1 fr. respectively.

"Bulletin Commercial" of 26th October contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the supply of special fishplates in iron or steel, either stamped to connect 40 kilog. rails of the Vignole type, and 650 for 57 kilog. A deposit of 1,000 francs (40L.) is required to any tender. Further particulars may be obtained from M. er, administrateur des voies et travaux, rue Louvain no. ssels. Tenders will be opened at noon on the 27th er at the Bourse de Commerce, Brussels.

### **SWITZERLAND.**

"Bulletin Fédérale Suisse" of 30th October contains a notice to the effect that the Federal Council has voted to the Canton of Ticino a subvention of 40 per cent. of the expenses of the construction of a 5-56 metres long and 3-20 metres broad, over the river near Quartino, for agricultural purposes.

The publication announces that the Federal Council has approved the expending of—

1. 15,000 francs for the construction of a new tramway line from the St. Gothard station at Lugano, to the discharging wharf of the lake

2. 6,668 francs for a narrow-gauge electric railway on the road from Lugano to Tesserete.

### **SPAIN.**

"Boletín de Madrid" of 27th October contains a copy of a decree authorising Don Emilio Planas to construct a wharf in the roadstead of Monjoy, in the district of Rosas, Gerona.

"Boletín de Madrid" of 29th October announces that tenders are invited for various materials connected with the 350 metres extension of the port of Almeria. The material called for includes six electric cranes, and 108 iron cases for the same, also

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#### SPAIN—continued.

iron necessary for the construction of shelters, besides mat prolonging the eastern quay. The various requirements divided into four distinct lots, on each of which a deposit required to qualify any tender. The total to be deposited for four lots amounts to 23,418 pesetas (about 836*l.*) Local transportation is necessary. Tenders must be sent in to the "J. Obras del puerto de Almeria" not later than 28th November.

A copy of the specification (in Spanish) for the supply of electric cranes has been received from the British Vice-Consul at Almeria (Mr. J. Murison). This, together with the "Gaceta" which contains further particulars of the materials required, as well as the full conditions for the submission of tenders, is seen by British firms at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London.

The "Gaceta" of 31st October contains a copy of a decree in effect that on all railways of over 2000 metres standing, and all of less standing on which the rolling stock has increased in weight during the past few years, the bridges and culverts should be tested in view to strengthening or renewing such of them as should be considered sufficiently strong, or any that have suffered during the recent floods.

#### ITALY.

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia (Mr. E. M. de Garston) has announced that sealed tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. on the 16th November below for the supply to the Italian Government of the following articles:—

**Paper and Drawing  
Materials, Homogeneous  
Iron, White Lead, and  
Asbestos Goods.**

| Date.              | Articles required.                                      | Estimated Cost.                       |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 16th November ...  | Paper and drawing materials ...                         | 6,534 lire ...<br>(261 <i>l.</i> )    |
| 23rd     "     ... | Homogeneous iron (in trapezoidal bars for gratings) ... | 60,000 lire ...<br>(2,400 <i>l.</i> ) |
| 23rd     "     ... | White lead (in powder) ...                              | 60,375 lire ...<br>(2,415 <i>l.</i> ) |
| 29th     "     ... | Asbestos goods ...                                      | 48,000 lire ...<br>(1,920 <i>l.</i> ) |

A public competition will be held at the Royal Arsenal (Office) of Spezia in the case of the first of the above contracts. Simultaneous competitions at the Royal Arsenal of Spezia, Venice in the case of the second, Spezia, Naples, and Venice in the case of the third, and Spezia and Naples in the case of the fourth.

The special conditions of contract may be seen at the Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the

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#### **ITALY**—*continued.*

; at the Technical Offices of the Navy at Genoa; and Principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

Tender should be made out on Government stamped paper

Local representation is necessary.

Expenses of registration, printing and stamp duty are by the successful tenderer.

*Gazzetta Ufficiale* of 31st October announces that tenders are invited for the construction of an aqueduct for Montaione, Gambassi, Castelfalfi, and San Vivaldo, in the commune of Montaione, at the total cost of 143,930 lire (about 5,757*l.*). A deposit of 300*l.* (about 300*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders must be sent in on stamped paper of the value of 1 lira, not later than 1st November, to the Commune di Montaione, Provincia di

*Gazzetta* containing further particulars may be seen at Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C.

*Bollettino delle Finanze* of 27th October contains a notice to the effect that Signor Giuseppe Groli has made application to the prefecture of Sondrio for permission to appropriate 60 litres of water from the Rio Bondone Canal and the Margatta torrent in the commune of Teglio for motive power for industrial purposes.

The *"Bollettino"* states that the construction of the S. Quirico-Nostra Signora della Guardia electric railway, which has been suspended since 1900, is shortly to be resumed and completed. The line was conceded in 1897 to the *"Società Anonima Co-operativa di Costruzione ed Esercizio della Ferrovia al Santuario di Nostra Signora della Guardia."* The *"Bollettino"* of 31st October gives full details of the form, length and proposed working of the line.

*Bollettino* of 31st October further announces that a new line is to be formed for the construction of a line from Brescia to the Val Trompia. The railway, which is to be electric, is of great importance, the existing tramway traffic being insufficient for the requirements of industry.

The same journal states that a French firm have applied for the concession for constructing the Civitavecchia-Orte Railway, at a considerable saving on the project of the Società Veneta.

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**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

The "Lieferungswesen" of 24th October states that tenders are invited for the following materials for the year  
**Iron Material.** 1908:—12,000 kgs. of rolled iron (flat iron, square iron, round iron, hoop iron, and cramp iron); 15,500 kgs. of ordinary sheet iron; 5,500 kgs. of flat iron for mines, &c. Tenders should be sent in not later than the 15th November to die K. K. Salinenverwaltung Hall, at Vienna.

Further details are given in the "Lieferungswesen" which may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**TURKEY.**

H.M. Consul-General at Constantinople (Mr. H. C. A. Eyres) reports that the Turkish Ministry of Commerce  
**Dam Construction.** and Public Works invites tenders for the construction of a dam with sluices on the Hindié Canal in the Vilayet of Bagdad, subject to the following conditions:—

The dam is to be constructed with 23 compartments, 9·80 metres wide, these compartments to be made of "ciment armé," and between each there is to be a buttress to support a working bridge of 3 metres.

The dam is to have a bridge 40 metres in length and 8 metres in width.

These works will be carried out in accordance with the technical requirements established by preliminary survey which has been made on the spot. Only contractors who can give satisfactory proof of their having successfully carried out similar undertakings and who can furnish a guarantee in cash for 10,000 liras may tender at the adjudication, which will be held at the Ministry of Public Works at Constantinople on the 14th December.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) has been informed by a firm of  
**Groceries and Drugs.** importers that they are seeking the representation in the United States of responsible British firms doing a wholesale export business in groceries and drugs. Applications from British firms desiring such representation should be sent to the British Commercial Agent, c/o British Consulate-General, New York.

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#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The Philippine "Official Gazette" of the 18th September publishes the text of an Act making appropriations for **Public Works.** certain public works, permanent improvements, and other purposes of the Insular Government, including road-making, bridge and building construction, irrigation, &c. The "Gazette" containing further particulars of the projected works, and showing the sum allotted in each case, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### MEXICO.

The "Diarios Oficiales" of 20th September and 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 18th, and 19th October contain **Hydro-Electric Plant.** notices of applications made to the Government by various persons for appropriating water from certain rivers for motive power. The following table gives particulars:—

| "Diario."   | Applicant.                                       | River.                 | State.                                    |
|-------------|--|------------------------|---|
| 20th Sept.  | Sr. José B. Ochoa ... ..                         | Coahuayana ... ..      | Jalisco.                                  |
|             | " A. Ruiz y la Sociedad Santacruz y Olivier ...  | Atoyac ... ..          | Puebla.                                   |
|             | " Adolfo Urista ... ..                           | Tunal ... ..           | Durango.                                  |
|             | " Lic. V. Palafox ... ..                         | Santiago ... ..        | Jalisco.                                  |
|             | " P. Applewhite ... ..                           | Grande ... ..          | Oaxaca.                                   |
|             | Srs. Crescencio Benavides y Rafael Villareal ... | Sabinas ... ..         | Nuevo León.                               |
|             | Sr. Victor Manuel Castillo ...                   | Santa Barbara ... ..   | Chihuahua.                                |
| 9th Oct.... | " Fernando Iglesias ... ..                       | Chifón ... ..          | Veracruz.                                 |
|             | Sra. Lorenza R. Braniff ...                      | Cuantitlán ... ..      | Mexico.                                   |
|             | Sr. Faustino H. Hernandez...                     | Santiago ... ..        | Jalisco.                                  |
|             | " Manuel A. Barrantes ...                        | San Lorenzo ... ..     | Sinaloa.                                  |
|             | " Luis H. R. von Ruecan...                       | Ameca or Piginto ...   | Jalisco.                                  |
| 10th Oct.   | " Silvestre Heredia ... ..                       | Lerma ... ..           | Michoacán.                                |
|             | " Martín Falomir ... ..                          | Chuviscar ... ..       | Chihuahua.                                |
|             | " Eugenio H. Gayon ... ..                        | (Sea tide) ... ..      | Sonora.                                   |
|             | " Miguel Cordero ... ..                          | del Presidio... ..     | Sinaloa.                                  |
| 11th Oct.   | " Juan Rio de la Loza ...                        | Various streams ...    | Distrito Federal.                         |
|             | " Rafael de la Garza ... ..                      | las Higueras ... ..    | Nuevo León.                               |
|             | " José A. Romo ... ..                            | Sonora ... ..          | Sonora.                                   |
|             | " Justo Salgado ... ..                           | San José or Asunción   | Mexico.                                   |
| 12th Oct.   | " Juan Filizola ... ..                           | Purificación ... ..    | Tamaulipas.                               |
| 14th Oct.   | " Fermín Legorreta ... ..                        | San Antonio ... ..     | Tamaulipas.                               |
| 15th Oct.   | Compañía Minera de Tlalchichilpa y Anexas ...    | Amacuscac ... ..       | Guerrero.                                 |
|             | Sr. Luis Pintado ... ..                          | Ameca ... ..           | Jalisco.                                  |
| 18th Oct.   | " Federico Ritter ... ..                         | Nazas ... ..           | Coahuila.                                 |
|             | " Luis Fernandez Castillo                        | La Alberca & la Morita | Coahuila.                                 |
| 19th Oct.   | " Victor Manuel Castillo...                      | Chimalapa ... ..       | Chiapas.                                  |
|             | Sres. Tomás P. Honey y José L. Martínez ... ..   | El Purgatoria ... ..   | Between the States of Hidalgo and Puebla. |

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**MEXICO—continued.**

The "Diario Oficial" of 17th October announces that the contract granted to the Mexican Flume and Lumber Company for the construction of a railway from Quivio to las Cruces (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th December, 1906, p. 453) has been rescinded. The plans for the construction of the line become the property of the Government to dispose of as they think fit.

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Construction.**

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**GUATEMALA.**

The Belgian Legation in Guatemala report that a contract has been entered into by the Guatemalan Government for the construction of a railway from Santa Cruz to the frontier, passing as near as possible to Metapan (Salvador).

**Railway  
Construction.**

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**URUGUAY.**

The "Diario Oficial" of 4th October contains a copy of a Decree authorising the free importation of two pulverisers and two motors, with accessories, for the Junta Económico-Administrativa de la Capital.

**Pulverisers and  
Motors.**

The "Diario" of 6th October contains a copy of a Decree authorising the "Empresa de Navegación Nicolás Mihanovich" to introduce free of duty the following material for use in the construction of the steamers "Posadas" and "Corrientes":—900 metres of chain for anchors, 16 shackles for the same, 4 anchors of 350 kilos. each, 25 "obloes" of brass and thick glass, 8 navigation lights, 2 ship's compasses, 12 hanging lamps of the "Cardan" suspension system.

**Anchor, Chains,  
Compasses, &c.**

The "Diario" of 5th October contains a copy of an agreement made with the Ferrocarril Uruguayo del Este relative to the extension of their line from La Sierra to San Carlos, Maldonado and Rocha.

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The "Diario" of 8th October contains a copy of a decree authorising the Ferrocarril Central del Uruguay to construct a siding in the station of Paso del Cerro in order to facilitate the crossing of trains between the stations of Rio Negro and Rivero.

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**ARGENTINA.**

The "Boletin Oficial" of 30th September contains a copy of a decree whereby the Government authorise the Executive Department to expend 50,000 dols. (about 4,400*l.*) in constructing a bridge over the Arroyo Tapalqué.

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Construction.**

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### **ARGENTINA**—*continued.*

"Boletín" of 7th October contains a copy of a new law (No. 5,315) relative to railway concessions. The law contains 22 articles, of which some deal with rules to be complied with by the persons to whom new lines are conceded, and others afford them certain privileges, such as permit to introduce materials free of duty. The "Boletín" giving the law may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

"Boletín" of 8th October contains a copy of a decree authorising the "Dirección General de Obras de Salubridad" to construct an aqueduct over the mouth of the Stubal lake for the passage of drinking water pipe from Colastiné to Santa Fé. The amount estimated to be expended by Government is 110,912 dols. (about

### **EXHIBITIONS.**

#### **UNITED KINGDOM.**

Board of Trade have received particulars of the Stanley Show, 1907 (under the management of the Stanley Cycling Club), being the thirty-first annual exhibition of cycles, motor cycles, motor components, accessories, parts, and machinery used in manufacture, to be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Woking, Surrey, from the 22nd to the 30th November (inclusive). Communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Show Committee, Mr. E. A. Lamb, 19, Southampton Row, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

#### **RUSSIA.**

Reference to the notice on p. 601 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 26th September, relative to an International Exhibition of Heating and Lighting Appliances to be held in St. Petersburg, under the auspices of the Imperial Russian Technical Society, from the 14th December to the 14th February next, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, the Russian Embassy in London, copies of the programme, &c., of the exhibition. They may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., and, although received too late for the use of would-be exhibitors, may be of interest.

### *Exhibitions.*

The Russian Embassy state that the Imperial Russian Technical Society intend to hold a Russian Conference, from the 9th to 20th January, for the purpose of studying questions connected with lighting. Foreigners will be eligible for membership. Theses in foreign languages may be read.

### **FRANCE.**

With reference to the notice on p. 209 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 31st October regarding an International Electrical Exhibition to be held at Marseilles in 1908, H.M. Consul-General (Mr. M. C. Gurney, M.V.O.) has now forwarded copies of circulars and applications for (in English), which may be obtained by British firms. Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The British Vice-Consul at Toulouse (Mr. T. Huggins) reports that an International Industrial Exhibition is to be held in that town from 1st May to October 1908. The exhibits will include all products of the industry, agriculture, arts and sciences, and products being admitted free of Customs duties on condition of being returned to their country of origin within a period of one month after the closing of the Exhibition.

A copy of the general regulations may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### **CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.**

A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Building and Contracting Trades was held on the 4th November, at the offices of the Board of Trade. There were present:—Mr. A. Wilson, C.B. (in the chair), Mr. Henry Holloway, Mr. H. H. Lloyd, Mr. Edward Goulding, Mr. John Beal, Mr. Thomas C. Leslie, Mr. James Leslie, Mr. W. Nicholson, Mr. G. J. Stanley, Mr. H. W. Macrosty, and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (acting secretary).

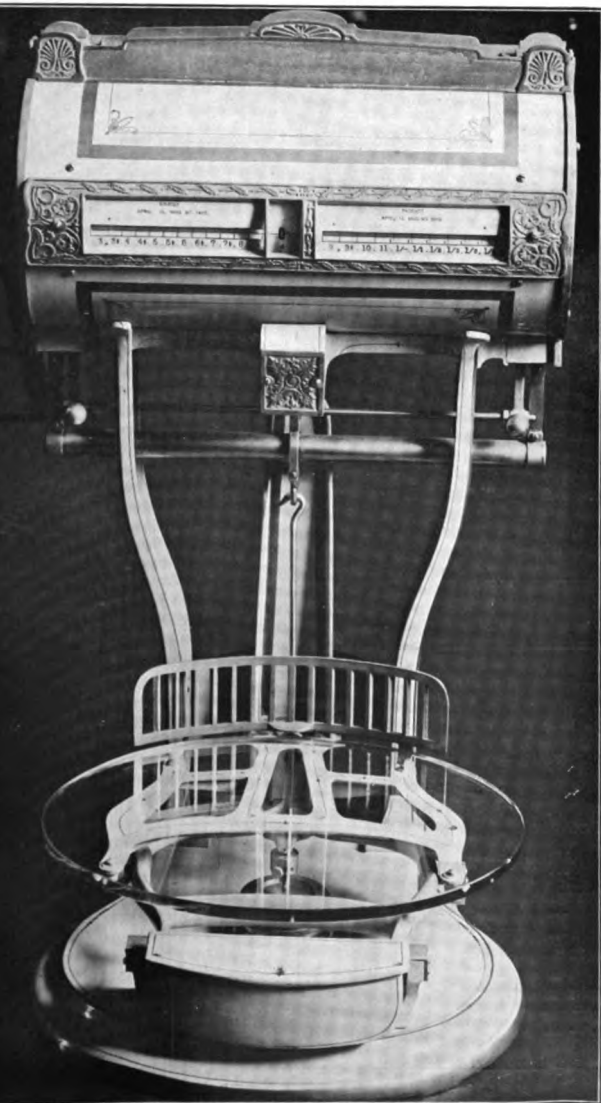
### **BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.**

**Roumania.**—The British Vice-Consul at Constantza (Mr. Pogson), writing on the general development of that country, remarks that even though the Kingdom of Roumania boasts of its undeniable progress in education, wealth and civilization, it generally entitles it to greater attention than is at present paid to it by British merchants and manufacturers. Much, however, may be done by a practical and personal knowledge even of this small country. Representatives of foreign firms can be met at Constantza every day. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,993)

# CE UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1904.

Following is a copy of a Notice (No. 57) giving the result  
examination and testing of a weighing instrument for use  
that has been submitted to the Board of Trade under the  
as of Section 6 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904 :—

(57)



Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a  
computing weighing instrument of the form herewith shown,

*Notice under the Weights and Measures Act, 1904.*

consisting of levers working in combination with two spring vertical racks arranged to gear into pinions mounted on the ends of the axle of an overhead drum, marked with weights from 0 to 14 lb. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., and money values by whole ounces from 3d. to 1s. 9d. per lb. The readings are given by metal wires permanently fixed in position, and the zero adjustment can only be altered by mechanical aid. The Board have issued a certificate under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act that the pattern is not such as to facilitate the perpetration of fraud.

## VICTORIAN PRODUCE IN 1906.

The following statement showing the estimated value of Victorian products in 1906 has been received at the Board of Trade from the Agent-General for Victoria. For purpose of comparison the corresponding figures for the preceding years have been added:—

| —                                       |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1905.     | 1904.     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Cultivation.</i>                     |     |     |     |     |     |     | £         |           |
| Wheat                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,366,290 | 3,100,000 |
| Oats                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 678,040   | 810,000   |
| Barley, malting                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 126,402   | 140,000   |
| " other                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56,426    | 60,000    |
| Maize                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 88,167    | 70,000    |
| Other cereals                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 52,693    | 40,000    |
| Grass and clover seed                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8,320     | ...       |
| Potatoes                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 597,426   | 330,000   |
| Onions                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 133,638   | 70,000    |
| Other root crops                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39,914    | 20,000    |
| Hay                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,641,936 | 1,680,000 |
| Straw                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35,384    | 30,000    |
| Green forage*                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 85,103    | 90,000    |
| Tobacco                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,944     | ...       |
| Grapes not made into wine, raisins, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27,071    | 30,000    |
| Raisins, ordinary                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 43,715    | 80,000    |
| " sultanas                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 45,631    | 90,000    |

\* Exclusive of area under sown grasses.

*Victorian Produce in 1906.*

|   | 1905.      | 1906.       |
|---|------------|-------------|
| <i>Cultivation—continued.</i>                       |            |             |
| Currents ... ..                                     | 11,952     | 21,994      |
| Wine ... ..   | 86,322     | 110,761     |
| Hops ... ..   | 11,563     | 12,960      |
| Other crops ... ..                                  | 27,735     | 28,509      |
| Orchards and gardens, growing fruit for sale ... .. | 369,500    | 476,215     |
| "                    " private ... ..               | 9,924      | 9,870       |
| Market gardens " ... ..                             | 183,325    | 197,650     |
| Total ... ..  | 7,728,421  | 7,576,547   |
| <i>Dairying and Pastoral.</i>                       |            |             |
| Milk consumed in natural state ... ..               | 697,276    | 737,719     |
| Butter made... ..                                   | 2,496,580  | 2,978,860   |
| Cheese made... ..                                   | 102,563    | 116,860     |
| Cream made (not for butter) ... ..                  | 15,580     | 20,083      |
| Concentrated milk ... ..                            | 40,654     | 59,515      |
| Horses ... ..                                       | 176,267    | 335,538     |
| Cattle... ..  | 2,064,000  | 2,480,226   |
| Sheep ... ..  | 1,599,800† | 1,913,202†  |
| Pigs ... ..   | 831,140    | 325,381     |
| Wool produced ... ..                                | 3,313,550  | 3,869,000   |
| Total ... ..  | 10,837,410 | 12,836,384  |
| <i>Mining.</i>                                      |            |             |
| Gold ... ..   | 3,173,744  | 3,280,478   |
| Coal ... ..   | 79,060     | 80,283      |
| Stone from quarries, including limestone ... ..     | 81,565     | 63,272      |
| Salt (crude) ... ..                                 | 10,440     | 9,273       |
| Other metals and minerals ... ..                    | 16,646     | 21,550      |
| Total ... ..  | 3,361,455  | 3,454,856   |
| <i>Forest Produce.</i>                              |            |             |
| Timber (forest saw mills only) ... ..               | 142,905    | 153,509     |
| Firewood (estimated) ... ..                         | 380,000    | 335,000     |
| Bark for tanning ... ..                             | 63,820     | 64,260      |
| Total ... ..  | 586,725    | 602,569     |
| <i>Miscellaneous.</i>                               |            |             |
| Honey and beeswax ... ..                            | 16,266     | 39,015      |
| Poultry (estimated) ... ..                          | 1,491,550  | 1,500,550   |
| Rabbits and hares ... ..                            | 183,560    | 164,547     |
| Fish and crayfish ... ..                            | 69,034     | 67,775      |
| Total ... ..  | 1,760,350  | 1,771,887   |
| Total value of primary products ... ..              | 24,274,361 | 26,242,243  |
| Manufacturing—value added during process ... ..     | 9,661,250† | 10,306,963† |
| Grand total ... ..                                  | 33,935,611 | 36,549,206  |

† Exclusive of value of wool obtained from skins stripped and that on skins exported.

† Exclusive of butter and cheese factories and forest saw mills (as regards Victorian timber) included above.

## OUTPUT OF IRON ORE, PIG IRON, AND STEEL IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

The following particulars of the output of iron ore, pig iron and steel in the principal producing countries of the world are extracted from a Return\* relating to Iron and Steel (see p. 290) recently issued by the Board of Trade:—

**Iron Ore.**—The total output of iron ore in the world probably amounted in 1905 to about 114 million tons, the principal producers being the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Spain, in the order given, these countries accounting for about 78 per cent. of the total output of the world. From the preliminary figures so far available for 1906 it is estimated that the world's output amounted to about 125 million tons.

The following statement shows the total output of iron ore in the principal countries in which it is mined, or in which the smelting of iron is an important industry, in the years 1904 and 1905, figures for 1906 being added where such are available:—

### Production of Iron Ore.

| Country.                          | 1904.      | 1905.      | 1906.         |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
|                                   | Tons.      | Tons.      | Tons.         |
| United States of America ... ..   | 27,644,000 | 42,526,000 | 49,670,000†   |
| Germany (including Luxemburg) ... | 21,693,000 | 23,067,000 | 26,305,000†   |
| United Kingdom ... ..             | 13,774,000 | 14,591,000 | 15,500,000    |
| Spain ... ..                      | 7,837,000  | 8,931,000  | 9,982,000†    |
| France ... ..                     | 6,910,000  | 7,276,000  | not available |
| Russia ... ..                     | 5,187,000  | 6,400,000  | 4,429,000     |
| Sweden ... ..                     | 4,019,000  | 4,295,000  | 4,085,000†    |
| Austria-Hungary ... ..            | 3,191,000  | 3,518,000  | 197,000†      |
| Belgium ... ..                    | 204,000    | 175,000    |               |

Over 3 million tons of iron ore are produced in countries other than those given above, the greater part of which is destined for exportation. The following statement shows the quantity produced in a few of the more important of these countries in each of the years 1903-5:—

| Country.            | 1903.   | 1904.   | 1905.   |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                     | Tons.   | Tons.   | Tons.   |
| Newfoundland ... .. | 589,000 | 590,000 | 690,000 |
| Canada ... ..       | 236,000 | 196,000 | 269,000 |
| Italy ... ..        | 373,000 | 403,000 | 361,000 |
| Greece ... ..       | 523,000 | 415,000 | 458,000 |
| Algeria ... ..      | 579,000 | 461,000 | 559,000 |
| Cuba† ... ..        | 624,000 | 387,000 | 561,000 |

\* Iron and Steel, 1906. 350. Price 3d. Obtainable from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.

† Provisional figures.

† These particulars are described as "Shipments from the Mines" in the Province of Santiago de Cuba.

*Output of Iron Ore, Pig Iron, and Steel in Certain Countries.*

**Pig Iron.**—The total quantity of pig iron produced in the world in 1905 probably amounted to about 53½ million tons, the principal producers being the United States, Germany, and the United Kingdom in the order named, the three countries together amounting for about four-fifths of the total output of the world. Preliminary figures so far available for 1906 indicate a production far short of 58½ million tons.

The following statement shows the total output of pig iron in the principal producing countries in the years 1904–1906. The figures given include in some cases a small quantity of castings obtained directly from the blast furnaces:—

**Production of Pig-iron.**

| Country.                          | 1904.      | 1905.      | 1906.       |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|                                   | Tons.      | Tons.      | Tons.       |
| United States ... ..              | 16,497,000 | 22,992,000 | 25,807,000* |
| Germany (including Luxemburg) ... | 9,896,000  | 10,700,000 | 12,096,000* |
| United Kingdom ... ..             | 8,694,000  | 9,608,000  | 10,149,000* |
| France ... ..                     | 2,926,000  | 3,028,000  | 3,266,000*  |
| Italy ... ..                      | 2,930,000  | 2,660,000  | 2,619,000*  |
| Austria-Hungary ... ..            | 1,854,000  | 1,516,000  | 1,650,000*  |
| Belgium ... ..                    | 1,262,000  | 1,289,000  | 1,408,000*  |
| Sweden ... ..                     | 520,000    | 531,000    | 595,000     |
| Denmark ... ..                    | 380,000    | 387,000    | 373,000*    |

Very little pig iron is produced in any of the countries not included in the tables. Some reference may be made, however, to the production in Canada, which has increased considerably in the decade. The figures for the three last years were 271,000 tons in 1904, 471,000 tons in 1905, and 534,000 tons in 1906.

**Steel.**—At the present time the greater proportion of the pig iron consumed is utilized in the production of steel, the use of which has increased very markedly in recent years. The total production of the world in 1905 may be put at about 20,000,000 tons, and that for 1906 at nearly 49,500,000 tons.

The following statement shows the quantity of steel produced in the principal producing countries in the years 1904–5, figures for 1906 being given where such are available, in the countries for which similar information is given regard to pig iron:—

**Production of Steel.**

| Country.                          | 1904.      | 1905.      | 1906.          |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
|                                   | Tons.      | Tons.      | Tons.          |
| United States ... ..              | 13,860,000 | 20,024,000 | 23,365,000*    |
| Germany (including Luxemburg) ... | 8,786,000  | 9,905,000  | 10,956,000*    |
| United Kingdom ... ..             | 5,027,000  | 5,812,000  | 6,462,000      |
| France ... ..                     | 2,054,000  | 2,204,000  | 2,383,000*     |
| Italy ... ..                      | 2,711,000  | 1,623,000* | 1,735,000*     |
| Belgium ... ..                    | 1,502,000  | 1,638,000  | Not available. |
| Austria-Hungary ... ..            | 1,176,000  | 1,169,000  | 1,176,000*     |
| Sweden ... ..                     | 327,000    | 362,000    | 391,000        |
| Denmark ... ..                    | 191,000    | 234,000    | 254,000        |

\* Provisional figures.

## PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The "Indian Trade Journal," which was issued by the Indian Government on 10th October last, notifies that the Governor-General in Council proposes, in exercise of the powers conferred by sec. 5 of the Indian Explosives Act, 1884, to amend the rules issued under a Notification of 31st May, 1907,\* regulating the transport and importation of explosives into British India.

The effect of the proposals is to provide for the importation of certain explosives by sea at the port of Chittagong, the license for which may be granted by the District Magistrate at that port.

It is stated that the proposals will be taken into consideration by the Governor-General in Council on the expiration of two months from the date of the publication (viz., 28th September, 1907) of the present Notification in the "Gazette of India"

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## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 171 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 24th October last respecting the Bill dealing with the importation and sale of patent medicines in the Commonwealth, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Officer-in-Charge of the Commonwealth Offices in London, a copy of a further cablegram, dated 29th October, 1907, from which it appears that the information previously given was erroneous as the proposed Bill "will provide for compulsory disclosure of formulæ and trade descriptions of patent medicines, except in special cases."

The "Commonwealth Gazette" for 24th August last contains a notice, dated 14th August, 1907, notifying that, in accordance with the provisions of Customs Regulation No. 131, a drawback of duty may be allowed on the undermentioned material, used in the manufacture of articles within the Commonwealth upon their exportation, subject to certain specified conditions:—

#### Drawbacks.

Gelatine, used in the manufacture of jelly crystals.

A copy of a cablegram has been received from the Officer-in-Charge of the Commonwealth Offices in London stating that the following additional articles have been included in the Customs By-law enumerating

#### Free Importation of Minor Articles.

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\* For which, see "Board of Trade Journal" for 11th July, 1907.

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nor articles for the manufacture of goods within the Commonwealth, which will be admitted free of duty :—

Brass or iron boot wire.

Heel circlets, being small horse-shoe shaped articles driven into heel in lieu of sprigs.

Labels for furniture.

Curb chains for saddlery.

Cork tips and sides for hats.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 216 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting the duties leviable on confectionery imported into the Commonwealth, the Board of Trade have received a further cablegram stating that, under item 45a, a duty of 3*d.* per lb. will be imposed, with effect from 30th October, under the General Tariff and 2½*d.* per lb. under the British Tariff—thus doubling the preference allowed on British confectionery.

It is further stated that the Commonwealth House of Representatives have adopted the rates given for the articles specified under items 45*b* to 53*b* of the Tariff, but item 53 (c) was amended imposing, on and after 30th October, a duty of 1*d.* per lb. (instead of 1½*d.*) on preserved fish in tins.

The following new sub-item was passed :—

Fish of all kinds caught from or cured, dried or preserved by any process on board any Australian registered ship, fitted out in, and sailing from, any port in the Commonwealth and imported in such ship on and after 30th October, Free.

A further copy of a cablegram has been received notifying that previous Tariff items, from 54 to 105, have been passed by the Commonwealth House of Representatives.

With the exception of items 89, 94-6, 100, and 103-4, which have been postponed, all the rates remain unaltered, except the following :—

| Articles.  | General Tariff.              | Tariff on goods, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| Dates ... .. Per lb.   | 1 <i>d.</i> from 31 Oct. '07 | 1 <i>d.</i> from 31 Oct., '07                                      |
| Potato flour* ... ..   | Free " " "                   | Free " " "   |
| Hay and chaff ... ..   | Free " " "                   | Free " " "   |
| Herbs dried (not medicinal) <i>ad val.</i>   | 20 % " " "                   | 20 % " " "   |
| Honey, jams and jellies, including calves' foot, but not meat jellies ... .. Per lb. | 2 <i>d.</i> .. 1 Nov. ..     | 1½ <i>d.</i> .. 1 Nov., '07  |

\* Item deleted. The duty on starch flours has not yet been considered.

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| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General Tariff.                    | Tariff on goods, produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom |
|--------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 77           | Arrowroot ... ..  | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. from 1st Nov. '07 | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. from 1st Nov.                                |
| 80           | Matches and vestas of all kinds—  |                                    |   |
|              | (a) In boxes containing 100 or less per gross of boxes  | 1/0 " " "                          | 6d. " "   |
|              | (b) In boxes containing over 100, but not exceeding 200 per gross of boxes  | 2/0 " " "                          | 1/0 " "   |
|              | (c) For each additional 100, or portion of 100 an additional duty per gross of boxes  | 1/0 " " "                          | 6d. " "   |
|              | (d) When in boxes with matter thereon advertising any commodity other than the matches contained therein in addition to the duties set out in (a) (b) (c) above |                                    |   |
| 82           | Sausage casings... ..   | 7d. " " "                          | 6d. " "   |
| 84           | Milk (including cream)—   | Free " " "                         |   |
|              | (a) Preserved, condensed, concentrated, peptonized, and frozen—   |                                    |   |
|              | 1. Sweetened per lb.  | 2d. " 2 Nov. "                     | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. " 2 Nov.                                   |
|              | (b) Dried or in powder form ... per lb.   | 2d. " " "                          | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. " "  |

It is further notified that packages containing catalogues, addressed to Deputy-Postmasters should be endorsed with the following endorsement such as :—

**Catalogues.**

For distribution, Customs duty prepaid.

The following additions have been made in the Customs By-laws under which tools of trade for artisans, mechanics and tools in general use are admitted free of duty :—

**Tools.**

Farriers' hoof picks ; bone meshes for netting ; bone tattle shuttles ; dentists' mallets, wood handle and metal head, with leather face ; farriers' hardies, being blacksmiths' fuller or chisel bicycle crank drawers.

*For machine tools : Jeweller's polishing lathes.*

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**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.**

reference to the notice which appeared on p. 183 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 24th January last respecting a reciprocal Customs Treaty between New Zealand and South Africa, the Board of Trade have now received a copy of the "New Zealand and South African Customs" Ratification Act, 1907 (No. 2 of 1907), dated 12th July ratifying and confirming the Treaty which was temporarily brought into force by an Order-in-Council of 7th January, 1907, the "New Zealand and South African Customs Duties Reciprocity Act, No. 63 of 1906," and also continuing the operation of the Treaty until terminated by the Governor by Order-in-Council published in the New Zealand "Gazette."

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

"Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 4th October contains a Customs Notice, dated 3rd October, 1907, giving the following Tariff decisions respecting the rates of duty leviable on various goods imported into South Africa which have been issued by the Board of Control:—

| Articles, and how classed. | Tariff No. | Rate of Duty.       | Rebate allowed upon Goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and reciprocating Colonies. |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------|--|
| bars... ..                 | 44a        | 25 % <i>ad val.</i> | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>   |
| o flour ... ..             | 175        | 15 %     "          | 3 %     "  |

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.**

reference to the notices which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 19th September and 17th October last, the Board of Trade have received a copy of the Regulations, dated 3rd October 1907, which have been issued under the provisions of sec. 1 of Act 14 of 1907, respecting the sealing up of assumed "ships' stores," and also of goods the property of, or possession of, the master or any member of the crew of any vessel such vessel is in any port of the Colony. These regulations, which are to take effect from 15th October, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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### **CAPE OF GOOD HOPE—continued.**

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 4th October contains a notice, dated 2nd October, which has been published for general information, stating that no remission of excise will be granted in respect of *Foreign Colonial Spirits* distributed as samples.

With regard to *Colonial* spirits, no remission of duty is granted unless the samples are distributed by wholesale dealers or agricultural distillers to licensed spirit dealers or in quantities not exceeding one reputed quart bottle, free of import and excise, for *bonâ fide* trade purposes.

### **TRANSVAAL.**

With reference to the notice which appeared in the "Trade Journal" for 16th August last respecting the imposition of an export duty, under Ordinance No. 3 of 1906, on Angora rams and ewes exported from the Transvaal, the Board of Trade have received a copy of a Proclamation (No. 80 of 1907), dated 14th September, 1907, notifying that in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the above Ordinance no duty will be payable on the export of any such ram or ewe from the Transvaal to Basutoland.

With reference to the notice in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 26th September last respecting the prohibition, under Act No. 30 of 1907, of the exportation of ostriches and their eggs from the Transvaal from a date to be named by Proclamation, the Board of Trade have received a copy of such Proclamation (No. 80 of 1907), stating that the above-mentioned Act was to come into operation on 1st October, 1907.

### **DOMINICA.**

The Board of Trade have received, from the Administration of Dominica, a copy of the "Citrate of Lime Ordinance, 1907" (No. 4 of 1907), dated 1st April, 1907, which provides for the prohibition of importation of chalk, whiting, or lime to be used in the manufacture of citrate of lime in the Presidency.

The Ordinance also provides for a reduction of the import duty on coal or patent fuel from 5s. to 1s. per ton, and for the imposition of an export duty of 1s. 3d. per cwt. on citrate of lime manufactured in the Presidency.

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### EGYPT.

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 23rd October contains the following revised Valuation Tariff for use in assessing import duties on certain kinds of sesame. The Tariff was to come into force on the 25th October and is to remain in operation for a period of three months (*i.e.*, until 24th January, 1908), or until denunciation:—

| Country of Production. |       |                          |     |     |     |     | Valuation per<br>Kilogramme.* |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
|                        |       |                          |     |     |     |     | Millièmes. †                  |
| Sesame from            | China | ...                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16½                           |
| "                      | "     | India                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16½                           |
| "                      | "     | Zanzibar                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16½                           |
| "                      | "     | Aleppo                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16                            |
| "                      | "     | Syria, Turkey and Cyprus | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18                            |

\* Duty is leviable on these valuations at the rate of 8 per cent.

† 1,000 millièmes = £E 1 = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

### DUTCH EAST INDIES.

With reference to the notice which appeared at pp. 561-4 and 611-3 of the "Journal" for 20th and 27th June respectively, on the subject of the new Tariff of import duties for the Dutch East Indies, H.M. Consul at Batavia reports that the wording "woven kains, pandjang, and slendangs" (p. 611) is faulty, and should read "woven and printed kains, pandjang, and slendangs."

The Consul has also forwarded a statement showing in detail the classification of the different textile manufactures according to the new Tariff, which came into force on 13th August.

From this statement it appears that the following are subject to an import duty of 6 per cent. *ad valorem*:—

*Piece-goods of cotton, unbleached.*—Drills with stripes or squares of coloured yarn; drills (other) and jeans; twills; calicoes; other.

*Piece-goods of cotton, bleached.*—Cambrics, diagonal stripes; drills, jeans, and twills, even with each piece packed in paper; "elefantess"; madopollams; bird's-eye cloth; sateens, even ornamented with flowers or brocaded; shirtings and longcloth.

*Cotton Batik goods, imitation and printed.*—Kains, pandjang; sarongs; slendangs; cloths of imitation batik; brilliants; knitting cotton, as yarn; cotteline.

*Printed cottons.*—Kains, pandjang (not of imitation batik); sarongs; slendangs.

*Other cotton goods, not elsewhere mentioned (piece-goods).*—Turkey and alizarine red piece-goods; sateens and satinettes; other (except real kains, etc.).

*Dyed cottons (piece-goods).*—Cambrics (in the piece or not); light yellow or cream cambrics; shirtings; drills; Italians, lasting and sateens; salim-poris; other.

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### DUTCH EAST INDIES—continued.

*Woven cottons.*—Bed-ticks; sarongs; kains, pandjang; slendangs; gingham, citari, imitation (piece-goods); blouse materials (piece-goods); tjellas (piece-goods); swan-skin (treble-milled cotton) cloths; sacks; packing cloth; muslins and similar materials; Batiate; jacconets; lawns; klamboe cloth (like tulle); lappeta, muslin, tarlatan, cambric, tulle; organzine and similar fabrics; "stramien" (thread gauze); table linen and napkin stuffs in the piece (without borders); all the above as piece-goods: sheetings; embroidery wool (also yarn); damask (piece-goods of cotton or half-wool); velvet.

*Woollen manufactures.*—Embroidery wool (yarn).

*Half-wool manufactures.*—Cotteline of half-wool (piece-goods); ditto, ornamented with flowers in silk; lasting of half-wool (piece-goods); "everlast" of half-wool for use in shoemaking; flagcloth (bunting).

*Manufactures of silk.*—Galloon; cloths; ribbons.

*Manufactures of linen, half-linen, wool, or other textile materials.*—Book-binder's cloth of cotton; *passementerie*; velvet; "plangies" (white); cloths; "stramien" (thread gauze); tasseldcord; twisted silk (Chinese); silk stuffs, black, plainly coloured, or *changeant*; silk woven in various colours; glacé; "kalamsooth" and "meseroch" entirely of silk; Chinese or Japanese silk, even if ornamented with flowers or brocaded; all other silk wares not separately mentioned elsewhere; taffetas.

*Manufactures of half-silk.*—Piece-goods; "stramien" (gauze) mixed with cotton; black silk stuffs not separately mentioned mixed with cotton; satin (piece-goods); Chinese or Japanese silks in rolls, mixed with cotton (piece-goods); imitation "kalamsooth" and "meseroch."

*Manufactures of half-linen.*—Sacks and packing cloth.

*Manufactures not separately mentioned of other textile materials.*—Gunny bags and packing cloth.

The following are subject to an import duty of 10 per cent.  
*ad valorem* :—

*Cotton Batik goods, imitation and printed.*—Kain kalam-kari (not of batik); galloon, point lace, etc., lace, of coloured cotton, also white, twilled or netted lace.

*Printed cottons.*—Cloths, dyed Turkey red or alizarine red or not.

*Other cotton goods not elsewhere mentioned.*—Real kains, kalam-kari.

*Woven cottons.*—Cloths; towels; cord cottons; lamp wicks, woven, not woven (in bales or not), and in lengths; muslins and similar materials; articles of tulle; plushes or buttons for carriages; serviettes and table-cloths cut; table linen and napkin stuffs cut, with borders; bedclothes cut; pillow-cases cut; handkerchiefs cut; tape; trimmings for carriages; other trimmings not of real or imitation gold or silver; embroidery; lace and lace-work; tasseld cord.

*Woollen manufactures.*—Galloon; point galloon; woollen *passementerie*; woollen embroidery; table-cloths; carpets; "bombazets"; duffels; kersey; bedclothes (also of cashmir); satin of wool; pelisse; cotteline; damask; lasting (also for use in shoemaking); flagcloth (bunting); blankets.

*Manufactures of half-wool.*—Galloon, flags, and carpets cut.

*Manufactures of linen, half-linen, wool, or other textile materials.*—Silk, interwoven with gold or silver; "kalamsooth" and "meseroch" interwoven with real or imitation gold thread.

*Manufactures of half-silk.*—Manufactures other than piece-goods; cloths, coloured, ordinary Chinese; ditto, of Bengal silk, ornamented with red and yellow flowers, in pieces of 7 or 8 cloths; galloon.

*Manufactures of linen.*—Bleached drills; lining cloth (linen); tick drill (grey); cloths; table-cloths; serviettes; furniture linen; handkerchiefs; "Perzemling" cloths.

*Manufactures of half-linen.*—Bleached drills; half-linen, plain, bleached, of 40 threads and under; ditto, of 40 threads and over; ditto, unbleached; table-cloths; serviettes; cloths; furniture linen.

*Manufactures not separately mentioned of other textile materials.*—Carpets and carpeting; felt; oilcloth; pineapple silk.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***PORTUGAL—MOZAMBIQUE.**

Consul at Beira has forwarded to the Board of Trade a revised list of articles which are allowed to enter the Territories of the Mozambique Company free of import duty, and of transit duty when assigned to Rhodesia, including those articles which have been fixed by various Customs Orders as included under such general headings as "mining machinery," "agriculture implements" This list may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

In reference to the notice which appeared at p. 231 of the *Board of Trade Journal* for 31st October, on the subject of a new tariff of trading licences introduced on the 1st September in the Territories administered by the Mozambique Company, it should be noted that the tariff (under the head of "Variable Urban Tax") the following on goods imported, exported or transported in the coasting trade:—

1) On goods imported... 1 per cent. *ad valorem*.

Except the following:—Gold and silver coins; coal; railway material not under 1 metre gauge; building material if consisting of articles 11, 34, 37 and 90 in the Customs Tariff; machinery and implements for agricultural and industrial purposes, including all material for agricultural and mining exploitation when imported direct by any agricultural or mining company; goods seized and afterwards abandoned; fragments of wrecked ships, such as rigging, sails, clocks, timber, anchors and chains; articles cast up by the sea; luggage and articles of personal use, and tools of passengers or crews of ships; articles imported for companies, societies or institutions having that benefit guaranteed by an agreement made with the Mozambique Company; and samples of goods, the duty on which does not exceed 300 reis (tobacco and liquors excepted).

2) On goods exported... 1 per cent. *ad valorem*.

Except the following:—Gold and silver coins; agricultural products of the Territory, including sugar and alcohol; mining products; and nationalized goods sent to Rhodesia.

3) On goods despatched or arriving by coasting boats ...  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. *ad valorem*.

Except the following:—Agricultural products of the Territory, including sugar and alcohol; mining products; and goods quoted in No. 1.

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**ROUMANIA.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of a Roumanian Circular drawing attention to a recent Decree which prescribes that the import of olive oil in barrels or other receptacles containing more than one kilogramme is in to be restricted to the Customs houses at Jassy, Galatz, Braila, Tuleia, Constantza and Bucharest.

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**SERVIA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that in consequence of the scarcity of cattle food in Servia owing to the continued drought, the Servian Ministry of Finance has suspended the collection of import duty on maize-stalks, roots and straw.

**Suspension of  
Import Duty on  
Maize-Stalks,  
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**TURKEY.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exportation of corn from the Vilayets of Adana and Sivas has been prohibited. The exportation from ports in the Vilayet of corn from other Provinces is free.

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

The Argentine "Boletin Oficial" for the 23rd September contains a Law conceding to the Municipalities of Posadas (Misiones) exemption from Customs duty on machinery and material for the electric lighting of the Municipality up to a sum not exceeding 500 pesos gold.

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**JAPAN.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, an advance copy of a complete English translation of the newly revised third edition of the Japanese Pharmacopoeia. This translation, which has been made under the authority of the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan, may be consulted by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London.

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## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

plement to the "Government Gazette" of Western Australia of 13th September contains the text of Regulations made by the Fremantle Harbour Trust Commissioners, comprising, *inter alia*, particulars of harbour dues, pilotage, tonnage dues, wharfage dues, regulations respecting goods and the charges thereon, and handling charges, storage rates, &c. The full text of these regulations may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### SOUTHERN NIGERIA.

Government Gazette" of Southern Nigeria of 6th September publishes the tariff of goods rates for all stations on the Lagos Government Railway. The "Gazette" may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

British Consular Agent at Lissa (Mr. S. Topich) reports that the Austrian Steamship Company "Dalmatia, Limited," has recently been formed with a capital of 2,650,000 krone (110,417*l.*), to take over the existing steamship companies, "Serafino Topic & Co.," "Fratelli Rismondo," "Pio Negri & Co.," and the "Navigazione Adriatica." The new company has just signed a contract with the Austrian Government for the carrying of the mails in Dalmatia for a period of 14 years, the subsidy granted being about 900,000 (*£*37,500*l.*) per annum. The company will have four regular sailings from Trieste, with new mail, passenger and cargo steamers, in addition to the entire service on the Dalmatian coast. The number of steamers employed will be about 30. The new line will be inaugurated on 1st January, 1908. The seat of the company will be at Trieste. It is stated that the company will order several new steamers.

## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### RHODESIA.

In his report for 1906 (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,790*),  
**Ore Traffic** H.M. Consul at Beira (Mr. R. C. F. Maugham)  
**through Beira :** gave the following figures regarding the tonnage  
**Samples of** of ore exported from Rhodesia through the port  
**Copper Ore.** of Beira for the years 1905-6 :—

| —               |     |     |     |     |     | 1905.     | 1906.      |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|------------|
|                 |     |     |     |     |     | Lb.       | Lb.        |
| Concentrates    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,536,737 | 2,884,150  |
| Chrome iron ore | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 551,808   | 6,743,008  |
| Calcined ore    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —         | 15,312,697 |
| Copper matte    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —         | 555,050    |
| Tungsten ore    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | —         | 26,948     |
| Total           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,088,545 | 25,521,853 |

Mr. Maugham has now forwarded three samples of the copper ore referred to in the foregoing statement, which may be inspected by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### TRINIDAD.

With reference to the notice on p. 392 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 21st February last and previous notices respecting the oilfields of Trinidad, the Board of Trade have received from the Colonial Office a copy of a report by the Government Geologist of Trinidad on the Central and Northern Anticlines (Western Districts).

This report may be inspected by British firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### BARBADOS.

In his recent report to the Colonial Office (*Annual No. 544*), the Acting Governor of Barbados states that an

**Oil Resources.** attempt is being made to develop, or rather to explore, the oil resources of the island by an application for an Order under the Oil Mines Act of 1904. This Order requires the sanction of the Legislature, which will no doubt in due course be given, as it is very desirable in the interest of all that some measures should be taken to ascertain the actual value of this asset of the Colony.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***NORWAY.**

Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond Hay) reports that the Nordreisen Mining Company have amalgamated with the Scandia Copper Works. The head office and domicile of the amalgamated Company is to be in Norway. The Company have now secured concessions on the Nordreisen mines, Lillebottem copperfield and Taorstad pyrites mine. An annual royalty of 5,000 kroner is to be paid until new laws regarding concessions come into force. The smelting and water dams are to be ready by the end of June, 1910, the mines are to commence working two years after the grant of the concession. Besides the ore from these mines the smelting works will also treat the ores from the Nantanen mines in Sweden.

Drummond Hay also reports that the Rustvangen copper-mining rights in the neighbourhood of Røros have been secured by Mr. Person of Helsingborg.

**PORTUGAL.**

Chargé d'Affaires at Lisbon, in a short report on the trade of Portugal for 1906, remarks that although the value of copper exports from Portugal increased last year, the amount was less than in 1905, the figures being 377,000 tons in 1906 and 381,000 tons in 1905.

There is a remarkable increase in the amount of wolfram exported, viz., from 9 tons in 1905 to 336 tons in 1906. The principal mines now being worked are the Penasqueira, Cabeco do Seixo, in the Castello Branco District; 'Alegre, in the Villa Real District; Serra das Pedras and Nova de Parva, in the Vizeu District; and Vieira, in the Beja District. The total output in 1906 is given as 570 tons, valued at 45,000*l*.

The export of lead increased from 27 to 360 tons. The only two mines are those of Bracal, with a production of 151 tons, and Pedalhos, with a production of 360 tons in 1906.

**SPAIN.**

British Vice-Consul at Almeria (Mr. J. Murison) reports that more iron ore mines are being investigated there, and there is every prospect that the near future will show that the subsoil of that and the adjoining province of Granada contains reserves of good ore suitable for the manufacture of steel.

### *Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.*

#### **SPAIN—continued.**

The British Consular Agent at Mazarron (Mr. E. G. Pe) reports that the only part of that district where there is still probability of obtaining considerable quantities of iron ore is Morata, where, however, enterprise and capital are not forthcoming.

The British Vice-Consul at Garrucha (Mr. F. Ford-Walker) reports that transactions in iron ore are always difficult at port, owing to the want of means of transport, and large mining properties are lying idle in consequence. The sale of this ore is practically limited to three or four companies, who have constructed either a railway or a ropeway to their mines. For capital, he adds, is greatly needed to open up that mining district which is very rich in iron and other ores.

Mr. Ford-Walker also reports that a company are constructing kilns for roasting iron carbonates, which occur in abundance in the neighbourhood of Garrucha. The carbonates thus treated yield 40 per cent iron. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,937*)

**New Industry:**  
**Kilns for**  
**Roasting Iron**  
**Carbonates.**

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

According to a report by the Geological Survey the production of

**Slate and Tin**  
**Production.**

slate in the United States in 1906 was valued at 5,668,346 dols., as against 5,496,207 dols. in 1905. The production of slate for roofing measured by "squares," a square being the number of squares required to lay 100 sq. ft. of roof allowing a 3 in. lap. Since 1903 there has been a gradual decrease in the number of squares of roofing slate made in the United States, and a corresponding decrease in the value of the total product as well as in the price per square. The production of slate for milled stock—that is, table tops, mantels, &c.—has been steadily increasing in quantity and value, the output for 1906 having been larger than for the previous year, the value being 1,219,560 dols., as against 921,000 dols. in 1905.

The Geological Survey also reports that metallic and steam engines were produced in the United States in 1906 in four widely separated localities to the aggregate value of 35,600 dols.

#### **COLOMBIA.**

The United States Consul at Cartagena reports that the platinum industry in Colombia is attracting considerable attention abroad. Recently a French Company made some heavy purchases of mining properties, and intend shortly to send engineers to make a study of the

**Platinum.**

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platinum region. Other capitalists have also recently secured holdings, which they expect to develop scientifically. It is that these companies will make an effort to find whether num is found in quartz lodes as well as in placer ground, the being the only source of the present supply.

the platinum of Colombia has been found only on the head-ers of the Atrato river and the Rio San Juan in the State of a and near the Pacific coast of Colombia. Most of these sits are also gold bearing and they have been worked for a many years, principally for gold.

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**JAPAN.**

report on the coal mines of Kyushu, Mr. W. B. Cunningham, Student Interpreter at H.M. Embassy at Tokio, al Output. reports that the total output of the coal mines

of Japan for the years 1904 and 1905 was 3,796 tons and 11,542,041 tons respectively. The average al rate of increase in output for the last 10 years has been 600,000 tons. The value has also increased very consider- in recent years, having risen from 3,291,226*l.* in 1902 to 7,722*l.* in 1905. The statistics of the total output for the 1906 have not yet been issued, but it is estimated that it will d 13,000,000 tons.

the best Japanese coal is that which is mined in Hokkaido, and ndustry in that part of the country is of the greatest value. hough, however, the coal produced in Kyushu is generally of ferior quality, the importance of the industry in the island be judged from the fact that of the 11,542,041 tons produced pan during the year 1905, 9,132,221 tons, with a value of 3,372*l.*, or about 79 per cent., were produced in the Island of hu.

principal coalfields in the Island of Kyushu are as follows:— The Chiku-ho coalfields, lying in the two provinces of izen and Buzen. The mines in this district produce more half the total output of Japan, though the mines themselves all.

The Miike mines on the borders of the provinces of Higo and go. These mines produced in 1905 more than one-seventh e whole amount produced in Kyushu, and more than three e amount produced by any other mine in the country, the output is likely to increase still further during the next r three years.

The Takashima mines on three small islands lying about miles from Nagasaki in the entrance to the harbour. The rom these islands is the best produced in Japan.

ere are also coalfields covering a considerable area in the ce of Hizen, while in the Island of Amakusa, which forms f the province of Higo, there are several mines producing quantities of anthracite. (*Foreign Office, Miscellaneous*, 666.)

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 2nd November, 1907, were as follows:—

|                     |     |     |     |     |           |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| <b>Corn Prices.</b> |     |     |     |     |           |
| Wheat               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36s. 3d.  |
| Barley              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27s. 7d.  |
| Oats                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18s. 10d. |

For further particulars see p. 286.

A statement is published on p. 287, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 2nd November, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

### NATAL.

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Durban (Mr. A. D. C. Agnew) has forwarded a sample of "Landolphia" rubber, of which 876 lb. was recently shipped to London. The rubber in question comes from Amatongaland, where the shippers hold a lease of 600 square miles from the Natal Government for the purpose of cultivating and collecting rubber. It is understood that they expect to make monthly shipments of about half a ton.

The sample may be seen and further particulars obtained at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Mr. Agnew also reports that large quantities of maize are being sent forward for shipment from that port. During the period 1st July to 10th October the following quantities have been shipped:—  
**Shipments of Maize.** 14,966,237 lb. to the United Kingdom, 12,965,315 lb. to the Continent, 8,647,626 lb. to Cape Ports, and 188,615 lb. to other places.

### NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.

The following particulars of agricultural industries in the Nyasaland (British Central Africa) Protectorate are taken from the Report on the Protectorate for 1906-7, just published by the Colonial Office (*Annual*, No. 537):—

**Agricultural Industries.** Cotton heads the list of exports from the Protectorate for the second year in succession, in spite of the extremely dry season and of the fact that the acreage under cultivation was much less than the previous year. The amount exported—526,119 lb.,

*Agriculture.***NYASALAND PROTECTORATE**—*continued.*

ed at 15,345*l.*—was far below expectations, being 250,000 lb. than last year's output, which was 776,621 lb., valued at 16,180*l.* es compensated to some extent for the poor result, 11*d.* and per lb. having been obtained for choice lots, whilst American and from the Highlands has fetched as much as 8½*d.* per lb.

The area under cotton in 1906-7 was 7,017 acres, about 3,000 s less than the preceding year, and less than one-third the age under cotton in 1904-5. At that time large acreages were in without much regard to the variety sown, soil, or the failing climatic conditions. The results obtained under these umstances were so disappointing that many planters felt pelled to discontinue its cultivation, and devote their attention other crops. Next season it may be anticipated that more on will be planted as many are awaiting a favourable ortunity for making a fresh start with this product. The eties of cotton are getting acclimatised year by year, so that industry tends to become more firmly established.

The 1907 crop is estimated at 850 tons (unginned), against tons (unginned) from the 1906 crop.

It may be noted that the amount of cotton produced by native ivation during the year under report shows an increase over previous year, 77½ tons of unginned cotton having been chased from native cultivators as against 67½ tons. The price d to natives ranged from ¾*d.* to 1*d.* per lb. The Report arks that apart from the disinclination of the African native ake up any innovation, there will always be a difficulty in the asaland Protectorate of making cotton-growing general, owing he indifferent means of transport and communication, which t in the outlying districts.

The cultivation of **tobacco** is becoming more and more popular ; acreage is considerably increased, and a much improved type eaf, of more uniform quality, is being turned out. The area er cultivation in 1907 (2,330 acres) produced a crop of ,316 lb., valued at 6,889*l.*, the corresponding figures for 1906 ng 955 acres, 198,994 lb., and 3,317*l.*

Although **tea** thrives exceedingly well in the Mlanje district, no mpts have been made to cultivate it in other districts ; yet ay have soils and a climate well suited for this product. The paration of the crop is not expensive ; the chief reason why it eglected appears to be the necessity of expending capital, upon ch no return is obtained for five or six years.

Planters are beginning to recognise that the cultivation of **fibres**, er than cotton, is a sound investment, and many are planting h Sisal and Mauritius hems as rapidly as possible, but the

*Agriculture.***NYASALAND PROTECTORATE**—*continued.*

cultivation of this and similar products must be to a great extent dependent on whether cheaper means of transporting and shipping the produce will be available in the future. Ramie fibre is only grown experimentally on a few estates at present, and the prospects of this excellent fibre in the Protectorate are not good.

The possibilities of Ceara rubber are generally recognised, and many estates are planting on a larger scale, as several samples sent home for examination and valuation have been favourably reported upon.

**BARBADOS.**

The Acting Governor of Barbados, in his recent report, states that the cotton industry still continues to make satisfactory progress. In 1906 it was estimated that 5,000 acres were under this crop, and it is estimated that about 1,600 bales containing 800,000 lb. of lint will be exported therefrom. Although, owing to the unfavourable weather conditions during the last season, the cotton crop has been short, yet as the prices obtained were good the planters have still, in most instances, realised a profit from the crop; consequently it is not likely that the area planted this season will be less than the last. (*Colonial Reports, Annual, No. 544.*)

**FRANCE-ALGERIA.**

The Acting British Consul-General at Algiers (Hon. H. C. Dundas) states that the Director of the Philippeville College of Agriculture, in his annual report, expresses the opinion, based on a series of experiments extending over a period of three years, that the cultivation of cotton—even on non-irrigated lands—in Algeria is certainly possible, and would be remunerative. The plants best adapted to this climate appear to be those of the Egyptian varieties known as "Mit Affi" and "Yanovitch," the former especially being most suitable for the district round Philippeville. Great stress is laid upon the fact that the best results have been obtained by employing the seed of the second generation, i.e., seed already acclimatised, from the points of view of its germinative quality and the value of the fibre harvested therefrom. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,935.*)

**PORTUGAL.**

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Lisbon reports that the most important recent legislation in Portugal has been the prohibition to import into the Douro region full-bodied wines not grown within it (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th June last, p. 463). A number of growers in the centre and south are thus deprived of their principal market and are now looking

**Wine of Port  
type grown in  
South and Central  
Portugal.**

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other outlets for their wines of the same type as port usually exported after or without manipulation from Villa Nova, Leixoes and Oporto. These wines are generally of less alcoholic strength and are much cheaper than port, but are stated to be equal, if not superior, to the so-called "Spanish ports" in which a large business is done with Great Britain.

#### **CONGO FREE STATE.**

According to the official "Bulletin" of the Congo Free State, the Congo Government have been studying the best conditions under which not only native, but also foreign varieties of cotton may be grown in the State. As a result of a year's experiments carried out by an experienced American grower, the following decisions have arrived at:—

The sowing should be done in January or February, according to the rains.

The early variety should be cultivated on table lands, and the late variety in damp valleys.

Biennial cultivation is recommended with a view to preventing the plants from dryness.

Green manure is recommended.

The "Bulletin" states further that the government intend to put into practice the same method of cultivation as that employed by the British Cotton Growing Association at Lagos, namely, that of encouraging the natives to devote themselves to cotton growing, and guaranteeing the purchase of the crops at a remunerative price.

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

Consul at Portland, Oregon (Mr. J. Laidlaw) reports that although the hops in his district have been

**Harvest of Oregon and Washington.** harvested some time, there is a very large variation in the estimates made by dealers who should now be able to determine closely the yield.

Estimates made this time last year were fully 25 per cent. under actual outturn, as proved by deliveries later. The quality of hops is said to be generally very fine, as mouldy or deficient hops were left unpicked in consequence of low prices and poor prospects for realizing even the cost of picking. Some dealers estimate there was on the poles a crop of 160,000 to 175,000 bales (35 lb.) in Oregon, and 50,000 in Washington, of which one-third was not picked.

Working the average of thirteen estimates, the following is the result:—Oregon, 115,200 bales, or 189,955 cwt.; Washington, 50,000 bales, or 62,768 cwt. Several firms in the trade believe the average to be 10 per cent. too low. Should prices continue low there will be a reduced area cultivated next season.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 31st October, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 88,169 and the number imported during the forty-four weeks ended the 31st October was 3,653,802 (including 5,749 bales British West Indian and 8,858 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 31st October, 7,080 bales, and for the forty-four weeks, 421,819 bales.

For further details see p. 286.

The Board of Trade have received from Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping a Report of the Society's **Vessels Classed in Lloyd's Register.** operations during the year 1906-7. From this it appears that at the close of the year ended 30th June last, 10,285 merchant vessels, registering about 19½ million tons gross, held classes assigned by the Committee of Lloyd's Register.

The following table shows the vessels classed in Lloyd's Register Book on 30th June 1907:—

| Material of Construction.              | Description.   | British. |            | Foreign. |           | Total. |            |
|--|----------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|--------|------------|
|  |                | No.      | Tonnage.   | No.      | Tonnage.  | No.    | Tonnage.   |
| Iron and steel {<br>Wood and composite | Steam ...      | 5,980    | 11,825,226 | 2,723    | 5,869,485 | 8,703  | 17,694,711 |
|  | Sail ...       | 625      | 997,449    | 721      | 993,115   | 1,346  | 1,990,564  |
|  | Steam and Sail | 220      | 32,570     | 16       | 6,883     | 236    | 39,453     |
|  | Total ...      | 6,825    | 12,855,245 | 3,460    | 6,869,483 | 10,285 | 19,724,729 |

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Report for 1906-7 on the External Land Trade of the Punjab gives the following statistics showing the average annual value of the trade (excluding treasure) of that Province during the three years 1904-5 to 1906-7, with comparative figures for the preceding triennium:—

| From and To—  |     |     |     | Average annual value, 1901-2 to 1903-4. |           | Average annual value, 1904-5 to 1906-7. |           |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|---|-----------|---|-----------|
|               |     |     |     | Imports.                                | Exports.  | Imports.                                | Exports.  |
|               |     |     |     | Rs.                                     | Rs.       | Rs.                                     | Rs.       |
| Afghanistan   | ... | ... | ... | 38,816                                  | 37,627    | 31,497                                  | 82,613    |
| Kashmir       | ... | ... | ... | 1,01,07,286                             | 89,24,425 | 1,29,47,690                             | 80,55,587 |
| Ladakh        | ... | ... | ... | 6,79,585                                | 2,87,650  | 7,48,168                                | 1,66,015  |
| Chinese Tibet | ... | ... | ... | 2,26,946                                | 48,219    | 1,23,620                                | 46,990    |
| Total         | ... | ... | ... | 1,10,47,633                             | 92,97,921 | 1,38,50,975                             | 83,51,205 |

*Miscellaneous.*

During the last three years (1904-5 to 1906-7) the exports have greatly grown in value from 72 lakhs of rupees in 1904-5 to 92 lakhs in the next year and to 92 lakhs in 1906-7. Cotton goods (European and Indian), fruits, brass and copper, iron, refined sugar, Indian black tea and tobacco are the chief items of export. As regards imports the value was in 1904-5 133 lakhs of rupees, in 1905-6 133 lakhs and in 1906-7 171 lakhs. The most important items of the import trade are charas, fruits, hides and skins, raw silk, stone and marble, timber and manufactured woollen piece-goods.

**CANADA.**

The "London Gazette" of 5th November contains a proclamation by His Majesty establishing a branch of the Royal Mint at Ottawa, Canada, at which gold coins of the same denominations, designs, weights, and fineness as are coined at the Mint in England may be coined at Ottawa. These will be current and a legal tender as if they had been issued in England. It is also provided that the deputy master of the Ottawa branch mint shall coin any gold, silver, bronze, or other coin which the Governor-General of the Dominion requires to be coined, and which is for the time being a coin of the Dominion; such coins "shall not, for the purposes of the Coinage Act, be deemed to be coins made at or issued from our Mint." The proclamation will come in force on 9th November.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**

The following figures, showing the values of the imports and exports (including re-exports) of Newfoundland for the year ended 30th June last, have been received from the Assistant Collector of Customs at Port of St. John's. The corresponding figures for the preceding year have been added for purposes of comparison:—

| From and To—           | Imports.   |            | Exports.   |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                        | 1905-6.    | 1906-7.    | 1905-6.    | 1906-7.    |
|                        | £          | £          | £          | £          |
| Kingdom ... ..         | 2,651,196  | 2,669,934  | 1,662,612  | 1,492,795  |
| Colonies ... ..        | 3,794,885  | 4,010,201  | 2,450,814  | 2,064,084  |
| States ... ..          | 3,609,192  | 3,447,359  | 1,278,997  | 1,394,269  |
| Other countries ... .. | 359,201    | 298,546    | 6,693,853  | 7,150,013  |
| Total ... ..           | 10,414,474 | 10,426,040 | 12,086,276 | 12,101,161 |

*Miscellaneous.***BARBADOS.**

The following figures showing the values of the total imports and exports (local produce) of Barbados in the years 1905 and 1906 are taken from the report on the Colony recently issued by the Colonial Office. (*Annual, No. 544*):—

| Countries.              | Imports.  |           | Exports. |         |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
|                         | 1905.     | 1906.     | 1905.    | 1906.   |
|                         | £         | £         | £        | £       |
| United Kingdom ... ..   | 445,455   | 482,116   | 124,523  | 158,693 |
| British Colonies ... .. | 221,416   | 240,790   | 312,962  | 315,230 |
| United States ... ..    | 336,706   | 404,334   | 245,991  | 149,586 |
| Other countries ... ..  | 38,985    | 65,088    | 18,353   | 5,809   |
| Total ... ..            | 1,042,562 | 1,192,328 | 696,829  | 629,318 |

**BAHAMAS.**

The following figures showing the value of the trade of the Bahamas in 1906, as compared with 1905, are extracted from the annual report recently issued by the Colonial Office (*Annual, No. 548*):—

| From and to—           | Imports (excluding specie). |         | Exports of Colonial Produce. |         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
|                        | 1905.                       | 1906.   | 1905.                        | 1906.   |
|                        | £                           | £       | £                            | £       |
| United Kingdom ... ..  | 62,978                      | 54,970  | 12,520                       | 16,499  |
| United States ... ..   | 217,054                     | 247,697 | 141,149                      | 126,381 |
| Other Countries ... .. | 11,921                      | 15,777  | 50,624                       | 67,895  |
| Total... ..            | 291,953                     | 318,444 | 204,293                      | 210,775 |

**SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.**

The following figures showing the value of the import and export trade of the British Somaliland Protectorate are taken from the report recently issued by the Colonial Office (*Annual, No. 542*):—

|                |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1905-6.   | 1906-7.   |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----------|-----------|
|                |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rs.       | Rs.       |
| Imports ... .. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 39,27,414 | 41,68,329 |
| Exports ... .. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 30,40,980 | 31,80,885 |

*Miscellaneous.*

**SPAIN.**

Consul at Malaga (Mr. J. G. Haggard) reports that the trade of that port in palm-leaf hats continues with the United States of America, that market taking the entire production, which has been about 250,000 dozen. The cheapness of this class of hats (ranging generally between 1s. and 2s. per dozen) ought, Mr. Haggard, to make it an interesting article for the Colonies, it is surprising that trials have not been made by colonial officers. The hats are not only cheap but very durable, and, with wide brims, are a great protection to labourers in hot climates. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,937.*)

**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

"Reichsgesetzblatt" of 31st October contains a copy of a Decree which is to come into force on 10th November, amending the spirit tax regulations of 21st July, 1899, and establishing a new general denaturing material as follows:—

A mixture of 19 parts of wood spirit, 2 parts of Pyridinebase, 2·5 parts of Benzol and 1 part of an essential substance, the composition of which is to be fixed by the Ministry of Finance.

The general denaturing material may only be produced in places officially authorised; and will only be sent out *directly* to persons requiring it, and who have applied for permission to denature with the general denaturing material.

The general denaturing material is to be mixed with the spirit denatured in the proportion of 2·5 litres to 100 litres of pure alcohol.

The "Reichsgesetzblatt" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street,

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

Consul-General at Chicago (Mr. A. Finn) reports that an Italian Chamber of Commerce has been started in that city. The Chamber is to have a sample room or museum connected with the Italian Consulate, conducted under the direction of the Consul, advised by a board of directors. It will have as its objects (1) to educate people in Italian products; (2) to establish firmer commercial relations between the United States and Italy; (3) to stamp out spurious goods now sold as Italian.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 44 Weeks ended 31st October, 1907 :— .

|                      | Week ended<br>31st Oct.,<br>1907. | 44 Weeks<br>ended<br>31st Oct.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>31st Oct.,<br>1907. | 44 Weeks<br>ended<br>31st Oct.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 61,152                            | 2,731,377                                | 1,881                             | 215,524                                  |
| Brasilian ... ..     | —                                 | 187,683                                  | 34                                | 17,057                                   |
| East Indian ... ..   | 9,114                             | 201,074                                  | 4,641                             | 68,908                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 17,695                            | 401,277                                  | 467                               | 108,809                                  |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 208                               | *132,391                                 | 57                                | 11,521                                   |
| Total ... ..         | 88,169                            | 3,653,802                                | 7,080                             | 421,819                                  |

\* Including 5,749 bales British West Indian and 8,858 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 2nd November, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

|                               |     | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                               |     | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                               |     | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Week ended 2nd November, 1907 | ... | 36             | 3  | 27      | 7  | 18    | 10 |
| Corresponding week in—        |     |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900                          | ... | 27             | 3  | 25      | 11 | 16    | 10 |
| 1901                          | ... | 26             | 6  | 27      | 0  | 17    | 8  |
| 1902                          | ... | 25             | 1  | 26      | 3  | 17    | 2  |
| 1903                          | ... | 26             | 4  | 24      | 3  | 15    | 9  |
| 1904                          | ... | 30             | 6  | 25      | 0  | 16    | 0  |
| 1905                          | ... | 27             | 10 | 24      | 9  | 17    | 1  |
| 1906                          | ... | 26             | 7  | 24      | 8  | 16    | 11 |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**

showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 2nd November, 1907, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|   |            | Week ended<br>2nd Nov.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|---|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Living:—</b>                         |            |                                  |                                     |
| ...ulls, cows, and calves ...           | Number.    | 8,828                            | 8,591                               |
| ...nd lambs ...                         | "          | 4,196                            | 2,211                               |
| ... ..                                  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 327                              | 210                                 |
| <b>...t:—</b>                           |            |                                  |                                     |
| ...cluding refrigerated and frozen) ... | Cwts.      | 87,497                           | 109,506                             |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 54,088                           | 56,509                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 13,026                           | 11,878                              |
| <b>...reserved meat:—</b>               |            |                                  |                                     |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 90,106                           | 104,405                             |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 2,904                            | 2,001                               |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 19,896                           | 18,556                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 2,918                            | 1,965                               |
| ...enumerated, fresh ...                | "          | 13,499                           | 13,055                              |
| ... .. salted ...                       | "          | 1,498                            | —                                   |
| ...reserved otherwise than by salting   | "          | 20,849                           | 7,937                               |
| ...cluding tinned and canned)           |            |                                  |                                     |
| <b>...duce and substitutes:—</b>        |            |                                  |                                     |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 66,865                           | 71,227                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 17,106                           | 22,831                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 78,870                           | 63,342                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 63                               | 90                                  |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 19,788                           | 19,886                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 53                               | 229                                 |
| ... ..                                  | Grt. Hndr. | 492,157                          | 449,459                             |
| ... ..                                  | Value £    | 4,389                            | 5,676                               |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 4,482                            | 2,521                               |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 45,580                           | 32,162                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 85,314                           | 38,869                              |
| <b>... .., meal, and flour:—</b>        |            |                                  |                                     |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 1,615,700                        | 1,004,200                           |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 446,600                          | 314,500                             |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 861,900                          | 759,900                             |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 270,200                          | 327,100                             |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 35,290                           | 48,460                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 3,110                            | 40,200                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 1,127,600                        | 677,800                             |
| <b>... ..</b>                           |            |                                  |                                     |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 180,860                          | 144,882                             |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 145                              | —                                   |
| ... ..                                  | Bunches.   | 189,145                          | 123,985                             |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | —                                | —                                   |
| ... ..                                  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 78,309                           | 56,641                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 12,156                           | 11,942                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 24,480                           | 22,096                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 8,944                            | 15,849                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 195                              | 6,935                               |
| ... ..                                  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 3,623                            | 10,290                              |
| ... ..                                  | Tons.      | 1,079                            | 3,548                               |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 1,858                            | 720                                 |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 1,260                            | 1,988                               |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 7,668                            | 13,523                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 30,000                           | 35,720                              |
| <b>... .., raw:—</b>                    |            |                                  |                                     |
| ... ..                                  | Bushels.   | 227,074                          | 184,879                             |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 260,917                          | 26,487                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 18,990                           | 8,363                               |
| ... ..                                  | Value £    | 3,165                            | 5,045                               |
| ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 18,086                           | 20,552                              |
| ... ..                                  | "          | 6,575                            | 4,787                               |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of September, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 2d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first, and 3s. 4d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the October issue:—State of the Labour Market in September; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration Boards in 1906; Proceedings under the Conciliation Act during 1905-7; Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom; Emigration in 1906; Earnings at Corn Harvest; and House Letting in Scotland.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the **Annual** and **Miscellaneous Series** issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal."

### ANNUAL SERIES.

**No. 3,939 Trade and Shipping of Constantza for 1906.**

Record year for trade.

Petroleum industry.

Comparative tables of import and export.

Progress of harbour construction.

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\* It can be purchased through any newsagent, price 1d.

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*Government Publications.*

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**No. 3,940. Trade of Zanzibar for 1906.**

Decrease in value of both imports and exports.

Notes on principal products—cloves, cocoanuts, vanilla and oranges.

Comparative tables showing value of imports and exports to various countries.

**No. 3,491. Trade of France for 1906 and first half of 1907.**

Gross trade of 1906 shows an increase of 62,120,000*l.* over 1905.

Considerable advance in the import of raw materials and export of manufactured articles.

Comparative tables of im-

ports and exports, with notes thereon.

Trade of first half of 1907 shows a marked improvement over corresponding period in 1906.

Effect of new inland postal rate.

**MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.****No. 666. Coal Mines of Kyushu.**

This is a report on the Coal Mines of Kyushu by Mr. W. B. Cunningham, Student Interpreter at the British Embassy at Tokio. It gives particulars regarding the history, situation and area, seams, character of the coal, mines, method of working, labour, output, &c., of the Chiku Hô, Miike and Takashima coalfields.

**COLONIAL OFFICE REPORTS.**

The following reports have been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

**Annual.—No. 545. Trinidad and Tobago.**

„ **546. Grenada.**

**Miscellaneous.—No. 43. Report upon the Caicos Islands, with special reference to the further development of the Sisal industry.**

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**OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

*Royal Commission on Canals and Waterways. Volume II., Part I. Second Report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into and to report on the Canals and Inland Navigations of the United Kingdom. [Cd. 3,716.] Price 1*d.* Part II. Ireland. Minutes of Evidence accompanying Part I. [Cd. 3,717.] Price 3*s.* 9*d.**

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*Government Publications.*

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*Steamship Subsidies.* 359. Price 1d.

This is a return, to an Order of the House of Commons, "of all sums payable out of the Exchequer of the United Kingdom in the year 1906-07 in respect of Steamship Subsidies for Foreign and Colonial Services."

*Iron and Steel, 1906. Statistical Tables.* 350. Price 3d.

This memorandum, which has been drawn up in the Commercial, Labour and Statistical Department of the Board of Trade, is in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 322 of Session 1906, and deals with the production and consumption during the 16 years 1890-1905 (and, where possible, to 1906) of iron ore and pig iron, and the production of steel in the United Kingdom, and in the principal foreign producing countries, viz., Russia, Sweden, Germany (including Luxemburg), Belgium, France, Spain, Austria-Hungary, and the United States of America. An appendix shows the production and exports of iron ores from certain British Colonies and Possessions and Foreign Countries, not elsewhere included, in each of the years 1903-5, so far as the figures are available.

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**COLONIAL OFFICE REPORTS.**

The following Miscellaneous Reports relating to H.M. Colonial Possessions, issued since the 1st January, 1907, may be purchased from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C. :—

**Miscellaneous.**

| No. | Place.   | Price. |
|-----|--|--------|
| 39  | Jamaica (Cayman Islands) ... ..  | 1½d.   |
| 40  | Northern Nigeria : Memorandum on the Taxation of Natives                           | 10d.   |
| 41  | East Africa Protectorate : Report on the Forests of Kenia ...                      | 2½d.   |
| 42  | Ceylon : Report on the results of the Mineral Survey in 1905-6 ... ..              | 2½d.   |
| 43  | Caicos Islands : Report as to the further development of the Sisal Industry ... .. | 2d.    |

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## THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade (No. 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.) is intended to be a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest shall be collected and focussed in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of trade permit, replies shall be given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters.

On application being made to it either personally or by letter, the Branch supplies, so far as is possible, information with regard to the following subjects, viz.: Commercial Statistics; Matters relating to Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations; Lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities; Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender. Lists of Supply, Prices, &c., of Trade Products; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers, &c., &c. There is a Sample Room at the offices of the Branch, where, in addition to samples illustrative of reports of Consuls or of the Correspondents or Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade, specimens of special interest that may be received from India, the Colonies, &c., are exhibited from time to time.

The Governments of India, Canada, and Queensland, also the Governments of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, have been established, in proximity to the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, special offices for dealing with trade matters (see next page).

The "Board of Trade Journal" is the principal medium through which the intelligence collected by the Commercial Intelligence Branch, and intended for general information, is conveyed to the public. The "Journal" is issued weekly at the price of 3d. All communications respecting subscription, or the purchase of single copies, should be addressed in London to Messrs. Wyman & Sons, 15, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; in Edinburgh to Messrs. Oliver & Boyd; and in Dublin to Edward T. Donohy, 116, Grafton Street. Copies may also be obtained from Messrs. G. Street & Co., Ltd., 30, Cornhill, E.C.

## SPECIAL INDIAN AND COLONIAL TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES.

India.—The India Trade Enquiry Office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., has been established for the purpose of supplying the general public with all available information as to the commercial products, manufactures and trades of British India. The office is under the superintendence of an India Office official, who is in daily attendance to answer personal or written enquiries. The current publications of the Government of India dealing with Indian Trade statistics, tariff charges, railways, economic conditions, &c., are kept in the office, and can be consulted free: the Indian Directories are also filed.

**SPECIAL INDIAN AND COLONIAL TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES—continued.**

**Canada.**—The Canadian Government have secured premises at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where an office has been opened under the designation of "Canadian Government City Trade Branch," for the convenience of the commercial community.

In due course it is intended to equip and maintain a display room, illustrating the products, resources and manufactures of the Dominion. In the meantime, a Canadian representative attends daily to deal with enquiries and applications regarding Canadian import and export trade, and to supply information about Canadian matters generally. Personal appointments can be arranged when desired.

**Queensland.**—For the convenience of the commercial community in the City of London, the Agent-General for Queensland has opened a branch office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where a representative attends daily to give information to enquirers regarding trade, mining, and all other matters relating to Queensland.

A collection of articles representative of the pastoral, agricultural, and mining industries of Queensland is on view, and information regarding these industries can be obtained at the Office, as above.

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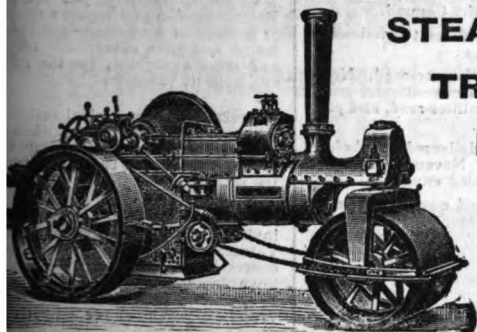
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By order,

D. J. EBBETTS,  
Surveyor.

57, High-street, Acton, W.  
November 4, 1907.

ADELAIDE, November 16th.—The Agent-General for South Australia, 28, Bishopsgate Street, Within, E.C., has received specifications for tramway rails and fish-plates required by the Adelaide Tramways Trust, which has the electrification of these lines in hand. A deposit of £3 3s. is required.

SHOREDITCH.—The borough electrical engineer having pointed out the serious consequences which would result if the largest feed pump at Whiston Street station should break down temporarily, and the necessity of providing an additional pump which would be available in such a contingency, the Lighting Committee is obtaining quotations for a boiler feed pump dealing with at least 5,000 gallons per hour. The estimated cost is £100.

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RUSSIA.—The municipal authorities of Wilna are about to invite tenders for supply of a tubular boiler, steam turbine and dynamo for the central electric lighting station.

TOBARRA.—Tenders have just been invited by the municipal authorities of Tobarra (province of Albacete) for concession for the electric lighting of town during a period of four years, to be by the municipal authorities of Albor (Valencia province) for a term of years.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, June, 1907. The municipal authorities of Buenos Ayres are reported to be about to invite tenders for the concession for the construction and working of an underground electric tramway in the city. Tenders will be received until June 1st, 1908, particulars may be had from the Legation in Paris.

AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE, November 15th.—6,000 dry cells for the Deputy Postmaster-General of Victoria, Commonwealth Offices, 73, Victoria Street S.W., or Board of Trade Commercial Intelligence Department. Specifications can be seen at the offices of the "Electric Review."

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The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at Basinghall Street, E.C.:—India, Dominion of Canada, Transvaal, Orange River Colony. Statements of the objects and work of these Enquiry Offices will be found on pp. 343-4.

## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of wheel lathes. The conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director-General of Stores,

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#### **BRITISH INDIA—continued.**

India Office, Whitehall, S.W., and tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 p.m. on the 19th November, 1907. A copy of the conditions and specification may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway are prepared to receive, up to noon on the 19th November, tenders for the supply of—  
**Wrought Iron and Mild Steel Bolts, Metals and Spring Steel.** 1. Wrought iron and mild steel bolts, &c.; 2. Metals; 3. Spring steel. Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained at the Offices of the Company, Gloucester House, 2, 3 and 4, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., on payment of 21s. each (which will not be returned). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of:—(1) Leather belting, hides, &c.; (2) Canvas and bunting; (3) Paints, &c.; (4) Red and white lead; (5) Copper and brass tubes; (6) Wood screws, nails, &c.; (7) Tyres for carriages and wagons; (8) Axles for ditto; and (9) Skeleton wheels for ditto, as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C.

Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, not later than noon, marked "Tender for Leather Belting, &c.," or, as the case may be, for Nos. 1 to 5, on Wednesday, the 20th November, and for Nos. 6 to 9 on Wednesday, the 27th November. The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. For each specification a fee of £1 1s. is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned. •

#### **CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

##### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London manufacturer of footballs, golf bags, and all kinds of sporting requisites, desires to get into touch with Canadian importers.

A Liverpool firm are desirous of exporting palm oil to Canada on cash terms.

*Openings for British Trade.***CANADA—continued.**

An English firm desire to communicate with Canadian exporters of **chair lumber**, ready sawn.

A North Staffordshire manufacturer of sanitary ware (non-glazing enamels and majolicas in various colours) desires to be placed in touch with Canadian importers of **glazed tiles**, &c.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A Toronto firm of manufacturers' agents desire to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of **stationery, art publications**, and allied goods, with a view to representing them in the Dominion.

A firm in Nova Scotia wish to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of **paper and leather friction board**.

A Toronto manufacturers' agent in the **hardware** trade, at present in England, would be pleased to call on English firms desiring his services in the Dominion.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A firm manufacturing **scientific, optical and astronomical instruments** wish to get into touch with Canadian firms able to do business in their manufactures.

The proprietor of a **patent jack for elevating motor cars** wishes to dispose of the Canadian rights.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A firm of manufacturers' agents in Montreal are desirous of representing a manufacturer of **cotton tapes** for the dry goods trade, and of **staying tapes** for clothing manufacturers.

A firm in Toronto seek a few additional agencies in **pressed glassware, chinaware, brushes and leather goods and novelties**.

A firm in Montreal wish to obtain an agency for the sale of **tax** in Canada.

A manufacturers' agent in Toronto, who covers Western Canada, wishes to obtain a few additional agencies in goods sold to the wholesale and retail dry goods trade such as **woollens, hosiery, shoes and underwear**.

A firm in Montreal would like to obtain an agency for the sale of **sulphur** and also for other **raw materials** used by manufacturers.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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#### SOUTHERN NIGERIA.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of Southern Nigeria, invite tenders for the supply of (a) 5,373 tons of 55-lb. F. B. British standard steel rails and fishplates, (b) 118,716 steel sleepers for above with keys, (c) 8,840 tons of 45-lb. F. B. British standard steel rails and fishplates, and (d) 239,760 steel sleepers for above with keys.

Forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained at the office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., on payment of a deposit of 1*l.* for each specification, returnable on receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender for the whole or part of the supplies required. Tenders (in sealed envelopes) are to be delivered to the Crown Agents not later than noon on the 29th November, endorsed "Tender for Permanent Way Materials." The Crown Agents do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

#### GRENADA.

The report for 1906 on Grenada states that a committee, which sat and reported during the year on the question of railway extension, after considering the merits of six different schemes, recommended the simultaneous construction of lines of railway from Tabaquite to Poole, a distance of 16 miles, and from San Fernando to Siparia, which are 13½ miles apart. The question of ways and means for the construction of these extensions or of either of them has, however, yet to be considered. (*Colonial Reports, Annual, No. 545.*)

#### EGYPT.

H.M. Consul at Cairo (Mr. A. D. Alban) has forwarded a copy of the conditions of tender for the supply of petroleum required by the Egyptian Coastguard Administration during the year 1908. The approximate quantities required will be 30 tons delivered in bulk at Alexandria, 30 tons delivered in cases of two tins of 4 gallons each at Port Said, and 5 tons delivered in cases of two tins of 4 gallons at Suez. Tenders must be accompanied by a provisional deposit of £ E20, which is to be completed to the amount of 10 per cent. of the total value of the contract as soon as the adjudication is determined.

Tenders on stamped paper (to be obtained from Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.) should be delivered to the Director-General, Coastguard Administration, Cairo, before noon on the 15th December,

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### **EGYPT—continued.**

should be enclosed in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for the supply of Petroleum."

The conditions may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

M. Consul has also forwarded copies of the conditions of tender for the supply to the Egyptian War Office of  
**Sacks, Cotton** 50,000 flour sacks, 150 tons of best refined  
**Seed Oil, Caustic** cotton seed oil, 35 tons of caustic soda, and 12  
**Soda, and Silicate** tons of silicate of soda (see "Board of Trade  
**of Soda.** Journal" of 7th November, p. 249).

The conditions may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

The "Journal Officiel" (Cairo) of 30th October announces that tenders are invited, and will be received by the  
**Timber.** Egyptian War Department at the Financial Secretary's Office, Cairo, up to noon on 16th December, for the supply of any quantity of timber required during the year 1908. Conditions of contract may be seen at the Financial Secretary's Office, Cairo.

### **NORWAY.**

M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Norwegian State Railways have issued a call for tenders\* for the supply of 387,900  
**Railway** railway bed plates. Tenders are to be marked  
**Bed Plates.** "Anbud paa Underlagsplader," and should be delivered at  
 Trondheim for Statsbanernes Expeditionskontor, Christiania, by 5 p.m. on the 29th November.

Copies of the specifications, conditions and drawing may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) reports that tenders are invited for the supply of cast iron  
**Cast Iron Water** water pipes and cement drain pipes to the  
**Pipes and Cement** Bergen Board of Water Works and Drains.  
**Drain Pipes.** Tenders must reach the Offices of the Bergen  
 before the end of November, where also conditions of tender may be obtained.

Apart from the usual Customs duties a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers. In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenderers not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

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A copy of the conditions has been applied for by the Vice-Consul, and will, when received, also be available for the use of British manufacturers, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

#### **SWEDEN.**

H.M. Consul at Stockholm (Mr. H. M. Villiers) reports that the ammunition factory at Marieberg, a suburb of

##### **Lead Wire.**

Stockholm, has issued a call for tenders for the supply and delivery of 260,000 kilogs. of lead wire. The wire must be of a quite equal alloy consisting of 95 per cent. of first-class lead and 5 per cent. antimony, with a resistance of 0.3 per cent. and a diameter of 5.25—5.28 millimetres. The wire must have an even and smooth surface and be suitable for making the core of 6.5 mm. balls. It must be carefully packed to avoid damage in transport. The actual weight of the lead must be stated in the tenders, which will be received up to noon on the 19th November at the ammunition factory, Marieberg.

A sample of the wire required may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

H.M. Consul at Stockholm also reports that tenders are invited for the supply of the following materials for one

##### **Cotton and Linen Goods, &c.**

year for the use of the hospitals in the Municipality of Stockholm, viz.:—25,345 metres of bleached or unbleached cotton cloth, 7,093 metres of unbleached linen cloth, 100 table cloths, 150 serviettes, 1,200 metres of drill or canvas, 2,314 metres of blue striped linen, 3,023 metres blue striped cotton, 400 blankets, and 1,100 handkerchiefs. Tenders must reach "Hälsövarðsnämndens byrå, Kungsträdgårdsgaten No. 2, Stockholm," by noon on 16th November. The tenderer whose offer is accepted must be prepared to deliver the goods at the various hospitals from time to time, and would therefore have to employ some one to store the goods and deliver them as required by the hospitals.

Copies of the specifications, together with samples of the materials required, may be seen by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, where names of possible agents in Sweden may also be obtained.

#### **GERMANY.**

H.M. Consul-General at Berlin (Dr. P. Schwabach) has forwarded copies of the form of tender, and ordinary and

##### **Steel Material.**

special conditions of contract, relating to the supply to the Prussian State Railway Directorates at Berlin, Stettin, Königsberg (Prussia), Halle-on-Saale,

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Magdeburg, Bromberg and Dantzig of the following materials:— 400,800 kilos. of spring steel (ingot steel) in seven lots; 20,000 kilos. of spring steel (crucible steel) in one lot, and 21,700 kilos. of ingot steel for axle guards in six lots.

Sealed tenders, inscribed "Angebot auf Federstahl pp.," must be delivered to the "Rechnungsbureau, 1-4 Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35," not later than 11 a.m. on the 4th December, 1907. Tenders are to hold good until 22nd December, 1907, and delivery of the various articles is to be made at the different works (Werkstaetten) specified in the form of tender during the period from 1st April, 1908, till 31st March, 1909, but the authorities may demand such deliveries to be made before the former date and after the latter, not, however, subsequent to 30th July, 1909. Tenderers must state where and by whom the material has been produced.

Forms of tender and contract may be obtained at the "Zentralbureau, Zimmer 420," 1-4, Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35, on payment of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each (by Post Office Order or Postal Order, but not in stamps). Copies may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**NETHERLANDS.**

H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. A. Churchill) reports that tenders will be received by the Director of the Central Stores for military uniforms and accoutrements at that city up to noon on 21st November for (a) hospital requirements, and (b) linen, cotton, military boots and accoutrements.

Specifications can be obtained from the Director of the Stores at Amsterdam on payment of 1.35 f. (2s. 3d.).

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**BELGIUM.**

H.M. Consul-General at Antwerp (Sir C. Hertslet) has forwarded a copy of a specification issued by the Municipal Authorities of that city calling for tenders for the construction of a Morgue at Antwerp.

Tenders, in sealed envelopes, should reach M. le Bourgmestre de la Ville at the Hotel de Ville, Antwerp, not later than 21st November. The cost is estimated at 11,740 frs. (about 469l.), and a deposit of 1,000 frs. (about 40l.) is required to qualify any tender.

The specification may be obtained from the Hotel de Ville, Antwerp, on payment of 1 fr. A copy may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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#### FRANCE.

The "Journal Officiel" of 8th November contains a copy of a decree authorising the Bordeaux Chamber of Commerce to contract a loan of 558,000 francs (about 22,320*l.*) to complete the equipment of the port by the acquisition and installation of 12 cranes (7 hydraulic and 5 steam), additional hydraulic machinery, &c.

Referring to the establishment of the new Brest-Plymouth steamship service, the British Vice-Consul at Brest (Mr. S. S. Dickson) draws attention, in a recent despatch, to the opportunities for trade which this new service has been the means of creating. He remarks that the Department of Finis-tère is not to speak of the rest of Brittany, is specially adapted for the export of agricultural and farm produce. Isolated, however, from the main centres of commercial enterprise, the extent of its resources has not, so far, been realised, and it remains a negligible quantity as an export of farm produce. Lack of organisation, it appears, is the immediate cause, but this is subsidiary to the real cause, which is isolation from the only possible market. The produce of Finis-tère is not in demand in the neighbouring departments, which supply more than sufficient for their own needs. The market of Great Britain has hitherto been inaccessible owing to the want of a suitable means of transport. This difficulty has now been overcome by the opening of the new Plymouth-Brest route.

The Vice-Consul goes on to say, "I gave my attention to this question as soon as the opening of the Brest-Plymouth service had been decided upon. The starting of this business calls for the work of some enterprising merchant or house who shall undertake the wholesale purchase of land and farm produce from the small proprietors, and ship the goods to a similar intermediary between producer and consumer in England. A beginning has been made to this extent, that one of the prominent Brest merchants, to whom I have discussed the matter is willing to consider the question. Before compromising himself with any definite action, however, he desires to obtain a definite offer from a reliable British house who will undertake to purchase wholesale any of the following Brittany produce:—butter, eggs, potatoes, cauliflower, artichokes. If a suitable offer is forthcoming, action will be taken on this side with a view to starting a regular export business."

Mr. Dickson adds that it would be advisable that any proposition on this subject should be sent to his care in the first instance.

*Openings for British Trade.***PORTUGAL.**

The "Diario do Governo" of 4th November contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession for the working of the wolfram mine "da Fonte da Junqueira," situated in the "concelho" of Vieira, to the Sociedade Anonyma das Minas de Wolfram de Braga," whose headquarters are at Brussels.

**Mining Plant.** The "Diario" of 5th November contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession for the exploitation of the wolfram mine of Lamaeira, in the "concelho" of Vieira, district of Braga, also to the Sociedade Anonyma das Minas de Wolfram de Braga.

The "Diario" of 6th November contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession for the exploitation of the wolfram mine of São de Travassos, in the "concelho" of Vieira, to the same Sociedade.

The "Diario" of 8th November contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession for the exploitation of the wolfram mine of São das Fontellas, in the "concelho" of Vieira to the same Sociedade.

The "Diario" of 2nd November contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession for the exploitation of the tin mine Albazaina," situated in the "concelho" of Mirandelle, to Mosés Aguoy, in the district of Bragança.

The same "Diario" also contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession for the exploitation of the source of the medicinal mineral waters of Herdade das Barrosas, in the "concelho" of Montemouronovo, districts of Evora to Antonio Centeno.

**SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 1st November contains an application by the Sociedad Anonima Nueva Montaña for a concession for the construction of an electric tramway to join the existing way from Santander to Astillero with the town of Santander, in Pena Castillo. The "Gaceta" of 5th November contains an application by Don Luis Ibañez Carreras for a concession for the construction of an electric tramway from Valencia to Pueblo Nuevo Del Mar and Playas de la Malvarrosa, Caro and Arenas.

One month from the above dates is allowed for the presentation to the Directorate-General of Public Works, Madrid, of other applications for these concessions, on terms more favourable to the Government.

*Openings for British Trade.***SPAIN**—*continued.*

The "Gaceta" of 5th November contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the works of **Harbour Works.** third and last section of the harbour of Cambados, in the province of Pontevedra, the estimated cost of 334,957 pesetas (about 11,962*l.*).

A deposit of 3,349 pesetas (about 120*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Local representation is necessary. Tenders must be sent in to the "Ministerio de Fomento," Madrid, not later than 5th December.

The "Gaceta" of 6th November announces that tenders are invited for drainage works in the Port of **Drainage Works.** Alicante, at the estimated cost of 654,000 pesetas (about 23,374*l.*) Local representation is necessary. Tenders must be sent in to the "Ministerio de Fomento," Madrid, before 8th December.

The "Gaceta" of 7th November announces that tenders are invited for the execution of port works at Luanco, in the province of Oviedo, at the estimated cost of 602,129 pesetas (about 21,505*l.*). Local representation is necessary. Tenders must be sent in to the "Ministerio de Fomento," Madrid, not later than the 9th December. Plans and conditions may be obtained from the above "Ministerio," also from "el Gobierno civil de la provincia de Oviedo." The "Gaceta" containing further particulars may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basil Hall Street, London, E.C.

**ITALY.**

H.M. Consul at Milan (Mr. J. H. Towsey) reports that a company was formed there last August, under the title of "Docks Cotoni," for the purpose of constructing "docks" (i.e., "stores") at Genoa and Venice. The company have acquired an island of Sacca Fisola, at Venice, in conjunction with the "Società Veneta di Navigazione a Vapore" and "Società di Navigazione Fluviale," the areas acquired by them being 78,000, 14,600, and 10,040 square metres respectively. Their site, and facing one of the canals, the "Docks Cotoni" Company will build large stores of armoured cement, capable of holding 400,000 bales, and connected with the railway and the ferry boats. Steamers will moor alongside the wharf, and their cargoes of cotton will be conveyed to the stores by means of Temperley transport. It is expected that the cotton required in Lombardy will in future be landed at Venice, and carried inland by rail, and possibly

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#### ITALY—continued.

river, at a considerable saving of the existing expense, the port of Genoa being reserved for Piedmont, and that although cotton-laden steamers from the United States will naturally take a few days longer to reach Venice, they will save time in unloading. The building of these stores will probably be commenced very shortly, and they should be ready in about eight months' time.

With reference to the notice which appeared on page 111 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17th October, respecting a call for tenders for drainage and road works at Bagheria, the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 5th November announces that, as no tenders have been received for this work, a second adjudication will take place on 23rd November.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

H.M. Consul at Chicago (Mr. A. Finn) reports he has been informed by a Dixon, Illinois, company that they have 560 trees of black walnut for disposal and would like to get into communication with some English buyers of this timber.

Communications from British firms should be addressed to H.M. Consul at Chicago.

#### CHILE.

The "Diario Oficial" of 14th September contains a notice to the effect that M. Georges Renevey, director of the Sociedad Francesa de Chañaral, has applied for permission to construct a railway from the Society's foundry at Chañaral to the mines of Cerro Negro. The line proposed will be 55 kilometres long, and is expected to carry between fifty and a hundred tons of goods per day. The principal stations will be at Chañaral, Cerro Negro, and el Pozo.

The "Diario" of 16th September contains a copy of a Decree authorising Don Domingo Otaegui, or the company which he may represent, to construct and exploit an electric railway from the fiscal depôts of the port of Valparaiso, through La Laguna to La Placilla or Peñuelas.

The same "Diario" contains a copy of a Decree authorising Don Rodolfo Rothstein, Don Ramiro Sanchez, and Don Salvador Izquierdo to construct and exploit a one-metre gauge railway from the Pacific coast in the neighbourhood of Camarones, past the Chilcaya lake to the frontier of Bolivia.

The "Diario" of 27th September contains a notice to the effect that the President of the Republic is authorised to hold a public

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#### **CHILE—continued.**

competition for the construction, at a cost not exceeding 2,300,000 dols. (about 96,000*l.*), of a railway to unite the towns of Antofagasta and Castro in the province of Chiloé.

The "Diario" of 16th September contains a copy of a Decree authorising Don Domingo Otaegui to construct and exploit in La Laguna bay a wharf and loading and unloading goods, a dockyard and a dry dock.

The "Diario" of 27th September contains a copy of a Decree authorizing Don Andras C. Lapostol to construct a wharf at Caleta de Lúquen, and conceding an extension of shore for the construction of warehouses for storing bricks and tiles for export.

The "Diario" of 28th September contains a copy of a Decree authorising Don Jorge Escobar to appropriate water from the Rio Loa to the amount of 10 cubic metres per second, for producing a mechanical power of 65 h.p. for exploiting a group of gold mines in the Sierra de Huachan.

#### **COLOMBIA.**

The Belgian Legation at Caracas report that the "Diario Oficial" has published the terms of a contract entered into by the Colombian Government for the establishment of works for the reduction of the smelting of ores.

#### **ARGENTINA.**

H.M. Legation at Buenos Ayres have forwarded an abstract of a Bill formulating the Argentine Budget for 1908, which has been laid before Congress and published in the "Boletín Oficial." By Laws Nos. 4,691, 4,267, 4,366, 4,484, and 4,845, the Executive was authorized to construct sundry railway lines, among them that to Bolivia, and to issue bonds to the amount of 64,000,000 dollars (5,589,000*l.*) in order to pay for their construction. The Executive has paid in cash, up to the 31st March last, on account of the above sum the amount of 34,219,541 dollars (2,988,600*l.*) and the bonds to this extent are not to be issued (Article 10 of the present Bill).

The State possesses 2,800 kilometres of railway, valued at less than 20,000,000*l.*, and there are 9,925 kilometres of Government railway partly projected and partly in course of construction the cost of which is estimated at 23,295,000*l.* The Message stresses on the need for restricting expenditure under this head, urges the desirability of leaving to foreign capitalists "tasks which the nation neither can nor ought to undertake."

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**ARGENTINA**—*continued.*

H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross) reports the organization in that city of a company called "La Camionera," with a capital of 1,500,000 dols. (about 132,000*l.*), with the object of establishing a service of transport of goods and parcels by means of motor vehicles, and for the erection of shops for repairing and constructing automobiles of all kinds.

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**EXHIBITIONS.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

With reference to the Scottish National Exhibition to be held at Edinburgh from May to October, 1908, the Board of Trade have received a number of copies of the prospectus, which may be obtained until the supply is exhausted, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. Applications for space should be sent to the General Manager of the Exhibition, 45, York Place, Edinburgh, not later than 31st January, 1908.

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**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.**

With reference to the notice on p. 608 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th December, 1906, and previous notices, respecting the New Zealand International Exhibition, the Board of Trade have received a copy of a report by Sir I. Spielmann, C.M.G., upon the British Art Section at the Exhibition. From this it appears that of the exhibits in this section sales were made to the amount of 7,107*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*

The report may be inspected by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

With reference to the notice on p. 352 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd August, respecting a proposed floating sample exhibition of Austrian manufactures on the new steamship line to Argentina, H.M. Consul at Trieste (Mr. J. B. Spence) reports that the new ss. "Argentina," which on 31st October inaugurated the new service from Trieste to Buenos Ayres, carried on board an exhibition, organised

**Sample  
Exhibition of  
Austrian  
Manufactures  
for Argentina.**

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*Exhibitions.*

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by the Trieste and Vienna Commercial Museums, consisting of samples of furniture, marbles, bronzes, silverware, lace, tobacco, tanned hides, skins, varnishes, and other articles considered suitable for the Argentine market.

On arrival at Buenos Ayres the exhibits will be shown to the public for one month in a hall specially rented for the purpose. A catalogue of exhibiting firms (amounting to one hundred and twenty) will be widely distributed, not only at Buenos Ayres, but also in the interior of the Republic and adjoining States.

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### CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.

A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Baking and Confectionery Trades** was held on the 11th November at the offices of the Board of Trade. Those present were:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the Chair); Sir Walter Palmer, Bart.; Mr. W. Arundel; Mr. James Boyd; Mr. J. Hicks; Mr. Stanley Machin; Mr. J. B. Morrell; Sir Robert Giffen, K.C.B.; Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G.; Mr. H. W. Macrosty and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (acting Secretary).

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### FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN OCTOBER, 1907.\*

#### I.—GENERAL.

The trade returns for October, 1907, when compared with those for the corresponding month of 1906, show increases in the value of the **Imports** into the United Kingdom, and of the **Exports** of British produce, but a decrease in the **Exports** of Foreign and Colonial merchandise.

The value of the **Imports** in October, 1907, was 57,662,116*l.*, an increase of 3,025,054*l.*, or 5·5 per cent., as compared with October, 1906, whilst the total **Exports** amounted to 45,192,912*l.* or an increase of 4,810,699*l.* The **Exports** of British produce show an increase of 5,085,189*l.*, or 15·3 per cent., as compared with October, 1906, whilst there is a decrease of 268,490*l.*, or 3·8 per cent., in the **Exports** of Foreign and Colonial merchandise.

#### II.—IMPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the **Imports** for October 1907, as compared with the corresponding months of 1906 and 1905, according to the different categories of merchandise:—

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\* Reference should be made to the article on "Changes in the Monthly Trade Accounts for 1907," published at pp. 279-80 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 7th February last, for information as to the changes that have been made in these accounts.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in October, 1907.***Imports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|  | Month ended 31st October. |                   |                   | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. |
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|  | 1905.                     | 1906.             | 1907.             |  |  |
| <b>Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>   | <b>£</b>   |
| Bread and flour ...  | 5,534,306                 | 5,380,612         | 5,536,806         | + 3,155,996  | + 3,002,402  |
| Meat, including animals for food.  | 3,888,275                 | 4,372,400         | 4,320,651         | — 51,749   | + 432,376  |
| Other food and drink—  |                           |                   |                   |  |  |
| 1. Non-dutiable ...  | 6,000,947                 | 6,468,192         | 6,146,462         | — 321,730  | + 145,515  |
| 2. Dutiable ...  | 4,789,401                 | 4,942,019         | 5,012,877         | + 70,858   | + 243,476  |
| Tobacco ...  | 412,959                   | 587,521           | 440,626           | — 156,885  | + 37,667   |
| <b>Total, Class I. ...</b>   | <b>£ 20,605,788</b>       | <b>21,780,744</b> | <b>24,457,224</b> | <b>+ 2,686,480</b>   | <b>+ 3,651,436</b>   |
| <b>Raw Materials and Articles Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>                                 |                           |                   |                   |  |  |
| Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel  | 8,358                     | 1,496             | 434               | — 1,072  | — 7,834  |
| Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...  | 455,831                   | 602,643           | 593,034           | — 9,603  | + 137,209  |
| Other metallic ores ...  | 507,768                   | 879,095           | 879,366           | + 271  | + 371,598  |
| Wood and timber ...  | 2,684,950                 | 3,716,783         | 3,481,016         | — 235,767  | + 796,066  |
| Cotton ...   | 4,272,869                 | 4,993,838         | 5,228,372         | + 234,534  | + 955,512  |
| Wool ...   | 1,109,647                 | 1,173,253         | 1,667,475         | + 494,222  | + 557,828  |
| Other textile materials ...  | 1,233,604                 | 1,851,290         | 1,331,473         | — 519,817  | + 77,869   |
| Oil seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums ...  | 2,154,014                 | 2,118,657         | 2,589,386         | + 470,729  | + 385,372  |
| Hides and undressed skins ...  | 837,869                   | 1,048,140         | 1,197,332         | + 149,192  | + 359,463  |
| Materials for paper making   | 344,207                   | 331,811           | 349,349           | + 18,038   | + 5,142  |
| Miscellaneous ...  | 1,970,667                 | 2,423,864         | 2,415,879         | — 7,985  | + 445,212  |
| <b>Total, Class II. ...</b>  | <b>£ 15,599,775</b>       | <b>19,140,370</b> | <b>19,543,106</b> | <b>+ 542,738</b>   | <b>+ 4,063,331</b>   |
| <b>Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—</b>   |                           |                   |                   |  |  |
| Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ...  | 736,515                   | 668,773           | 747,609           | + 78,836   | + 11,094   |
| Other metals and manufactures thereof ...  | 1,754,467                 | 2,484,867         | 2,124,844         | — 360,023  | + 370,377  |
| Utensils, hardware, implements and instruments ...                                       | 338,327                   | 359,640           | 407,439           | + 47,799   | + 69,112   |
| Electrical goods and apparatus other than machinery and telegraph and telephone wire ... | 99,026                    | 114,166           | 106,155           | — 8,011  | + 7,129  |
| Machinery ...  | 319,558                   | 407,230           | 432,757           | + 25,527   | + 132,199  |
| Ships (new) ...  | 5,838                     | 834               | 1,178             | + 844  | — 4,660  |
| Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ...                                | 163,019                   | 174,057           | 164,131           | — 9,926  | + 1,112  |
| Furms and textile fabrics—   |                           |                   |                   |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ...  | 677,337                   | 730,640           | 789,686           | + 59,046   | + 112,349  |
| 2. Wool ...  | 1,012,480                 | 925,069           | 873,368           | — 51,821   | + 139,212  |
| 3. Other materials ...   | 1,671,204                 | 1,828,489         | 1,691,925         | — 136,564  | + 20,731   |
| Apparel ...  | 412,880                   | 329,410           | 841,345           | + 11,935   | — 71,535   |
| Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ...   | 806,725                   | 913,214           | 1,079,386         | + 166,172  | + 272,661  |
| Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves) ...             | 979,668                   | 1,121,125         | 1,154,385         | + 33,257   | + 174,727  |
| Earthenware and glass ...  | 404,856                   | 379,746           | 368,069           | — 11,647   | — 36,837   |
| Paper ...  | 472,499                   | 506,893           | 547,126           | + 38,233   | + 74,627   |
| Miscellaneous ...  | 2,481,455                 | 2,572,784         | 2,515,122         | — 57,662   | + 33,667   |
| <b>Total, Class III. ...</b>   | <b>£ 12,326,954</b>       | <b>13,518,437</b> | <b>13,844,465</b> | <b>— 173,972</b>   | <b>+ 1,017,511</b>   |
| <b>Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) ...</b>                        | <b>£ 139,494</b>          | <b>217,511</b>    | <b>177,321</b>    | <b>— 40,180</b>  | <b>+ 37,827</b>  |
| <b>Total value of Imports ...</b>  | <b>£ 43,672,011</b>       | <b>54,637,062</b> | <b>57,662,116</b> | <b>+ 3,025,054</b>   | <b>+ 8,990,105</b>   |

The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are sold for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

Comparing the values of the imports of articles last month those of October, 1906, the chief increases and decreases are as follows:—

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| Increases. |  |
|------------|--|
| £          |  |
| I.         | Wheat ... .. 2,021,134                                     |
|            | Wheat meal and flour ... .. 183,433                        |
|            | A. Barley ... .. 210,373                                   |
|            | Maize ... .. 533,875                                       |
|            | Rice, exclusive of rice meal ... .. 130,985                |
|            | B. Mutton, fresh ... .. 104,160                            |
|            | Eggs ... .. 86,369   |
|            | C <sup>1</sup> . Fish, cured or salted ... .. 56,222       |
|            | Potatoes ... .. 96,346                                     |
|            | C <sup>2</sup> . Cocoa, raw ... .. 112,314                 |
| II.        | Tea ... .. 165,831   |
|            | C. Silver ore ... .. 95,495                                |
|            | D. Wood and timber, hewn ... .. 79,766                     |
|            | E. Cotton, raw ... .. 221,392                              |
|            | F. Sheep or lambs' wool ... .. 384,119                     |
|            | Mohair ... .. 63,093                                       |
| Decreases. |  |
| £          |  |
| I.         | B. Cattle, live ... .. 129,194                             |
|            | Bacon ... .. 142,473                                       |
|            | Butter ... .. 319,164                                      |
|            | C <sup>1</sup> . Cheese ... .. 154,787                     |
|            | Plums, raw ... .. 53,466                                   |
|            | Margarine ... .. 74,509                                    |
|            | C <sup>2</sup> . Currants, dried ... .. 56,072             |
|            | Raisins, dried ... .. 78,774                               |
|            | D. Tobacco, unmanufactured ... .. 136,140                  |
|            | Wood and timber, sawn or split ... .. 829,907              |
| II.        | G. Jute ... .. 595,266                                     |
|            | I. Cotton-seed ... ..                                      |
|            | H. Flax or linseed ... ..                                  |
|            | Petroleum ... ..   |
|            | Lac dye, seedlac, &c. ... ..                               |
|            | Hides, raw, wet ... ..                                     |
|            | I. Sheepskins, undressed ... ..                            |
|            | Sealskins, undressed ... ..                                |
|            | K. Phosphate of lime and rock ... ..                       |
|            | B. Lead, pig and sheet ... ..                              |
| III.       | H <sup>1</sup> . Cotton manufactures of all sorts ... ..   |
|            | H <sup>2</sup> . Woollen yarn for weaving ... ..           |
|            | K. Leather ... ..  |
|            | M. Paper, unprinted ... ..                                 |
|            | I. Furs, undressed, other than rabbit and sealskins ... .. |
|            | K. Caoutchouc ... ..                                       |
|            | Copper, regulus and precipitate ... ..                     |
|            | B. Copper, unwrought and part wrought ... ..               |
|            | Tin, in blocks, ingots, bars or slabs ... ..               |
|            | H <sup>2</sup> . Woollen and worsted stuffs ... ..         |
|            | H <sup>3</sup> . Silk manufactures of all sorts ... ..     |

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz. :—

|     |   | Increase.      | Decrease.   |
|-----|---|----------------|-------------|
| I.  | A. Barley ... ..                                | £210,373       | 13,300 cwt  |
|     | B. Beef, salted ... ..                          | £2,150         | 1,031 "     |
|     | C <sup>1</sup> . Hops ... ..                    | 1,198 cwt.     | £9,960      |
|     | C <sup>2</sup> . Raisins, dried ... ..          | 10,563 "       | £78,774     |
|     | C. Pyrites of iron and copper ... ..            | 844 tons       | £14,858     |
|     | E. Raw cotton ... ..                            | £221,392       | 112,031 cwt |
|     | G. Raw silk ... ..                              | £10,063        | 4,038 lb    |
|     | Silk, knubs or husks and waste ... ..           | £7,453         | 946 cwt     |
|     | I. Rabbit skins, undressed ... ..               | 554,757 number | £6,137      |
|     | J. Esparto and other vegetable fibres ... ..    | £7,385         | 122 tons    |
| II. | K. Hair, goats', other than mohair ... ..       | 78,764 lb.     | £3,257      |
|     | Wire rods ... ..                                | £3,166         | 112 tons    |
|     | A. Steel ingots, blooms, billets, &c. ... ..    | £2,560         | 1,877 "     |
|     | Steel forgings ... ..                           | 8 tons         | £2,107      |
|     | Copper, unwrought and part wrought ... ..       | 1,012 "        | £82,025     |
|     | B. Tin, in blocks, ingots, bars or slabs ... .. | 364 "          | £102,518    |
|     | C. Watches ... ..                               | 40,257 number  | £7,073      |
|     | E. Electrical machinery of all kinds ... ..     | £2,360         | 153 tons    |
|     | H <sup>2</sup> . Linen yarn ... ..              | £7,513         | 59,072 lb   |
|     | K. Leather ... ..                               | £82,815        | 3,454 cwt   |
| IV. | Horses ... ..                                   | 19 number      | £22,015     |

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in October, 1907.***III.—EXPORTS.**

The following table shows the value of the Exports of British Produce for the month of October, 1907, as compared with the corresponding month of 1906 and 1905, and the increase or decrease in each principal category:—

**Exports of Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom.\***

|   | Month ended 31st October. |                   |                   | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (—)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (—)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
|   | 1905.                     | 1906.             | 1907.             |  |  |
| <b>Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>  | £                         | £                 | £                 | £  | £  |
| Wheat and flour ... ..  | 244,410                   | 245,124           | 295,048           | +  | 49,924   |
| Meat, including animals for food  | 97,880                    | 134,519           | 129,867           | —  | 4,652  |
| Other food and drink ... ..   | 1,652,391                 | 1,903,168         | 1,844,338         | —  | 58,832   |
| Tobacco ... ..  | 84,453                    | 96,820            | 120,312           | +  | 21,492   |
| <b>Total, Class I. ...</b>  | <b>£ 2,089,134</b>        | <b>2,381,631</b>  | <b>2,389,363</b>  | <b>+</b>   | <b>7,732</b>   |
| <b>Raw Materials and Articles</b>   |                           |                   |                   |  |  |
| <b>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>   |                           |                   |                   |  |  |
| Coal, coke and manufactured fuel  | 2,291,663                 | 2,946,111         | 4,164,207         | +  | 1,218,066  |
| Iron ore, scrap iron and steel  | 35,975                    | 69,042            | 38,131            | —  | 33,911   |
| Other metallic ores ... ..  | 4,820                     | 21,324            | 8,998             | —  | 12,326   |
| Food and timber ... ..  | 8,227                     | 4,875             | 7,994             | +  | 3,119  |
| Cotton ... ..   | —                         | —                 | —                 | —  | —  |
| Wool ... ..   | 280,177                   | 290,067           | 281,824           | —  | 8,263  |
| Other textile materials ... ..  | 15,382                    | 7,398             | 17,973            | +  | 10,575   |
| Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats and gums ... ..   | 261,046                   | 281,318           | 366,970           | +  | 85,652   |
| Skins and undressed skins   | 162,002                   | 217,717           | 123,852           | —  | 94,865   |
| Materials for paper making  | 42,935                    | 63,800            | 55,649            | —  | 7,651  |
| Miscellaneous ... ..  | 180,886                   | 198,609           | 213,911           | +  | 30,303   |
| <b>Total, Class II. ...</b>   | <b>£ 3,288,063</b>        | <b>4,094,781</b>  | <b>5,274,009</b>  | <b>+</b>   | <b>1,179,228</b>   |
| <b>Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—</b>  |                           |                   |                   |  |  |
| Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..  | 2,950,960                 | 3,614,078         | 4,111,814         | +  | 497,736  |
| Other metals and manufactures thereof ... ..  | 929,478                   | 1,037,367         | 929,496           | —  | 107,881  |
| Utensils, hardware, implements and instruments ... ..                                       | 480,657                   | 552,310           | 605,968           | +  | 53,758   |
| Electrical goods and apparatus other than machinery and telegraph and telephone wire ... .. | 100,037                   | 126,712           | 528,533           | +  | 401,821  |
| Machinery ... ..  | 2,122,347                 | 2,471,325         | 3,093,307         | +  | 621,982  |
| Pipes (new) ... ..  | 364,952                   | 562,062           | 818,596           | +  | 256,534  |
| Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ... ..                                | 114,745                   | 132,229           | 160,737           | +  | 23,508   |
| Wools and textile fabrics—  |                           |                   |                   |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ... ..  | 7,758,641                 | 8,348,663         | 9,503,587         | +  | 1,154,924  |
| 2. Wool ... ..  | 2,249,640                 | 2,290,427         | 2,491,893         | +  | 201,466  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..   | 1,125,193                 | 1,341,524         | 1,475,318         | +  | 133,794  |
| Woolen ... ..   | 518,213                   | 580,000           | 571,726           | —  | 8,274  |
| Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ... ..   | 1,273,397                 | 1,333,438         | 1,479,449         | +  | 146,011  |
| Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves) ... ..             | 543,171                   | 653,177           | 595,074           | —  | 58,103   |
| Earthenware and glass ... ..  | 299,565                   | 340,070           | 387,256           | +  | 47,186   |
| Paper ... ..  | 189,896                   | 181,890           | 213,979           | +  | 32,089   |
| Miscellaneous ... ..  | 2,506,091                 | 2,727,965         | 3,096,623         | +  | 368,658  |
| <b>Total, Class III. ...</b>  | <b>£ 23,506,925</b>       | <b>26,293,137</b> | <b>30,063,346</b> | <b>+</b>   | <b>3,770,209</b>   |
| <b>Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) £</b>                             | <b>483,434</b>            | <b>464,782</b>    | <b>592,802</b>    | <b>+</b>   | <b>128,020</b>   |
| <b>Total value ...</b>  | <b>£ 23,990,359</b>       | <b>26,757,919</b> | <b>30,656,148</b> | <b>+</b>   | <b>3,901,229</b>   |

**Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|                        |           |           |           |   |         |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---------|
| <b>Total value ...</b> | £         | £         | £         | £ | £       |
|                        | 6,235,810 | 7,141,882 | 6,873,392 | — | 268,490 |
|                        |           |           |           | + | 637,382 |

\* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board ship, and are known as the "free on board" values.

### Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in October, 1907

Comparing the values of the exports of the principal articles of the produce and manufacture of the Kingdom in October, 1907, with those of October, 1906, the chief increases and decreases are as follows :—

#### Increases.

|      |     |   |        |
|------|-----|---|--------|
| II.  | A.  | Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel ... ..  | 1,218, |
|      |     | Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..  | 497,   |
|      | D.  | Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and telegraph and telephone wire) ... .. | 401,   |
|      |     | Steam engines ... ..  | 193,   |
|      | E.  | Machinery and millwork : not steam engines or electrical ... ..                               | 391,   |
|      |     | Ships, new ... ..   | 256,   |
|      | F.  | Cotton yarn ... ..  | 404,   |
|      |     | " piece-goods ... ..  | 518,   |
| III. | H.1 | " lace and patent net ... ..  | 73,    |
|      |     | " thread, for sewing ... ..   | 125,   |
|      | H.2 | Worsted tissues ... ..  | 89,    |
|      |     | Linen piece-goods ... ..  | 76,    |
|      | J.  | Manure (chemical) ... ..  | 56,    |
|      |     | Railway trucks, wagons, &c. (not of iron) and parts thereof ... ..                            | 95,    |
| IV.  | N.  | Motor cars and parts thereof ... ..   | 51,    |
|      |     | Parcel Post ... ..  | 125,   |

#### Decreases.

|      |    |                           |     |
|------|----|---------------------------|-----|
| I.   | C. | Fish ... ..               | 86, |
| II.  | I. | Hides ... ..              | 51, |
| III. | K. | Leather, unwrought ... .. | 64, |

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz. :—

|      |     |   | Increase. | Decrease.    |
|------|-----|---|-----------|--------------|
| I.   | B.  | Cattle, live ... ..                     | 157 No.   | £2,306       |
|      |     | Meat ... ..                             | £4,605    | 3,274 cwt.   |
| II.  | J.  | Materials for paper-making ... ..       | 912 tons  | £7,651       |
|      |     | Brass and manufactures thereof ... ..   | £1,491    | 48 tons      |
|      | B.  | Copper, unwrought, and wrought ... ..   | 19 tons   | £19,659      |
|      |     | Woollen tissues ... ..                  | £20,560   | 224,200 yds. |
|      | H.2 | Wool carpets ... ..                     | £4,736    | 49,500       |
|      |     | Spun silk yarn ... ..                   | £2,719    | 2,655 lb.    |
| III. | J.  | Painters' colours and materials. ... .. | £8,132    | 1,224 cwt.   |
|      |     | Glass, plate ... ..                     | £1,135    | 510          |
|      | L.  | Firearms (small) ... ..                 | £1,169    | 172 No.      |
|      |     | Gunpowder ... ..                        | 108 cwt.  | £2,077       |
|      | N.  | Candles ... ..                          | £2,622    | 229,000 lb.  |
|      |     | Musical instruments ... ..              | £2,458    | 461 No.      |
| IV.  |     | Horses ... ..                           | £2,533    | 1,235        |

#### IV.—TRADE DURING THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1907

The following table shows the value of the Imports of foreign and colonial merchandise during the ten months ending October, 1907, as compared with the corresponding period in 1906 and 1905 :—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in October, 1907.***Imports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|                                    | Ten months ended<br>31st October. |                    |                    | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|                                    | 1905.                             | 1906.              | 1907.              |  |  |
| <b>Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   | £                                 | £                  | £                  | £  | £  |
| Wheat and flour ... ..             | 57,865,091                        | 57,735,807         | 62,314,467         | + 4,578,660  | + 4,429,378  |
| Meat, including animals for food   | 40,745,552                        | 44,094,905         | 44,371,236         | + 176,331  | + 3,525,684  |
| Other food and drink—              |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| 1. Non-dutiable... ..              | 51,472,513                        | 57,173,066         | 55,867,941         | - 1,305,125  | + 4,395,428  |
| 2. Dutiable ... ..                 | 37,378,736                        | 36,049,530         | 38,638,391         | + 2,588,741  | + 1,254,555  |
| Tobacco ... ..                     | 3,109,555                         | 3,861,999          | 3,199,141          | - 662,856  | + 89,586   |
| <b>Total, Class I. ...</b>         | <b>£ 190,591,447</b>              | <b>198,915,327</b> | <b>204,286,076</b> | <b>+ 5,370,749</b>   | <b>+ 13,694,629</b>  |
| <b>Raw Materials and Articles</b>  |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| <b>Wholly Unmanufactured—</b>      |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| Coal, coke and manufactured fuel   | 35,698                            | 30,598             | 19,948             | - 10,650   | - 15,750   |
| Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ... | 4,556,386                         | 5,727,784          | 6,265,029          | + 637,245  | + 1,506,643  |
| Other metallic ores... ..          | 6,185,500                         | 7,506,855          | 8,673,683          | + 1,166,828  | + 2,488,183  |
| Wood and timber ... ..             | 19,953,916                        | 23,905,646         | 23,124,796         | - 770,850  | + 3,180,890  |
| Stone ... ..                       | 37,809,191                        | 37,144,839         | 52,688,294         | + 15,543,455   | + 15,379,103   |
| Pol ... ..                         | 21,810,134                        | 25,999,556         | 30,329,914         | + 4,330,359  | + 8,519,780  |
| Other textile materials ... ..     | 10,739,174                        | 12,051,025         | 14,757,421         | + 2,706,396  | + 4,018,247  |
| Seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and       |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| gums ... ..                        | 19,683,443                        | 21,331,346         | 26,040,684         | + 4,709,338  | + 6,357,241  |
| Skins and undressed skins ...      | 6,656,172                         | 9,183,243          | 9,274,168          | + 90,925   | + 2,417,996  |
| Materials for paper making         | 3,110,214                         | 3,200,345          | 3,380,149          | + 179,804  | + 269,935  |
| Other miscellaneous ... ..         | 18,323,529                        | 20,198,520         | 21,828,587         | + 1,630,067  | + 3,505,058  |
| <b>Total, Class II. ...</b>        | <b>£ 148,363,357</b>              | <b>166,279,756</b> | <b>196,492,673</b> | <b>+ 30,212,917</b>  | <b>+ 48,129,316</b>  |
| <b>Articles Wholly or Mainly</b>   |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| <b>Manufactured—</b>               |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| Iron and steel and manufactures    |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| thereof ... ..                     | 6,769,775                         | 7,234,753          | 5,783,421          | - 1,451,332  | - 986,354  |
| Other metals and manufactures      |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| thereof ... ..                     | 17,473,339                        | 22,714,550         | 24,352,051         | + 1,637,501  | + 6,878,712  |
| Machinery, hardware, implements    |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| and instruments ... ..             | 2,671,810                         | 3,061,650          | 3,261,325          | + 219,675  | + 409,515  |
| Electrical goods and apparatus     |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| other than machinery and tele-     |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| graph and telephone wire) ...      | 820,477                           | 978,532            | 1,043,688          | + 65,156   | + 223,211  |
| Machinery ... ..                   | 3,780,011                         | 4,346,674          | 4,513,766          | + 166,892  | + 733,755  |
| Ships (new) ... ..                 | 21,519                            | 20,298             | 26,618             | + 6,320  | + 5,099  |
| Manufactures of wood and tim-      |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| ber (including furniture) ...      | 1,621,083                         | 1,710,329          | 1,584,791          | - 125,538  | - 36,292   |
| Wools and textile fabrics—         |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ... ..                   | 6,605,785                         | 7,910,212          | 8,057,302          | + 147,090  | + 1,451,517  |
| 2. Wool ... ..                     | 10,625,695                        | 10,423,993         | 9,260,838          | - 1,168,155  | - 1,364,837  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..          | 16,372,478                        | 17,187,415         | 17,932,758         | + 735,343  | + 1,550,280  |
| Apparel ... ..                     | 3,443,967                         | 3,241,021          | 3,174,143          | - 66,879   | - 269,825  |
| Chemicals, drugs, dyes and         |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| colours ... ..                     | 8,025,668                         | 8,378,480          | 9,716,266          | + 1,337,786  | + 1,690,598  |
| Other manufactures thereof         |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| including boots and shoes, and     |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| (other) ... ..                     | 8,992,195                         | 10,600,279         | 9,552,766          | - 1,047,513  | + 500,571  |
| Stoneware and glass ... ..         | 3,455,086                         | 3,497,472          | 3,293,246          | - 174,226  | - 131,840  |
| Paper ... ..                       | 4,283,564                         | 4,777,134          | 4,665,959          | - 111,175  | + 382,395  |
| Miscellaneous ... ..               | 23,102,768                        | 24,294,382         | 23,769,048         | - 525,334  | + 666,280  |
| <b>Total, Class III. ...</b>       | <b>£ 118,265,220</b>              | <b>130,377,374</b> | <b>130,027,985</b> | <b>- 349,389</b>   | <b>+ 11,762,765</b>  |
| <b>Miscellaneous and Unclassi-</b> |                                   |                    |                    |  |  |
| <b>(Including Parcel Post) ...</b> | <b>1,833,479</b>                  | <b>2,062,183</b>   | <b>1,986,295</b>   | <b>- 75,838</b>  | <b>+ 152,816</b>   |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                | <b>£ 459,053,503</b>              | <b>497,634,590</b> | <b>532,793,029</b> | <b>+ 35,158,439</b>  | <b>+ 73,739,536</b>  |

\*The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are sold for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

The value of the Exports of home produce, also of foreign and colonial produce, during the ten months ended 31st October, 1907, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1906 and 1905 is as shown in the following table:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in October, 1907.***Exports of Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom.\***

|  | Ten Months ended<br>31st October. |               |               | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
|  | 1905.                             | 1906.         | 1907.         |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>  |                                   |               |               |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..  | £ 2,287,858                       | £ 2,100,855   | £ 2,538,873   | + 438,018  | + 251,015  |
| B. Meat, including animals for food.   | 694,445                           | 1,088,040     | 1,092,162     | + 4,122  | + 385,717  |
| C. Other food and drink ... ..   | 11,756,828                        | 13,026,546    | 13,813,273    | + 786,927  | + 2,056,645  |
| D. Tobacco ... ..  | 808,879                           | 864,886       | 1,023,626     | + 158,740  | + 214,747  |
| Total, Class I. ... ..   | £ 15,549,810                      | £ 17,080,127  | £ 18,467,934  | + 1,387,807  | + 2,918,124  |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles<br/>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>   |                                   |               |               |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel   | 21,696,506                        | 26,363,989    | 34,516,480    | + 8,152,471  | + 12,819,954   |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...   | 395,520                           | 490,633       | 513,540       | + 22,887   | + 118,020  |
| C. Other metallic ores... ..   | 99,423                            | 136,669       | 163,736       | + 27,067   | + 64,313   |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..  | 65,614                            | 76,996        | 93,033        | + 16,037   | + 27,419   |
| E. Cotton ... ..   | —                                 | —             | —             | —  | —  |
| F. Wool ... ..   | 2,088,455                         | 2,334,894     | 2,830,538     | + 495,644  | + 742,083  |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..  | 138,129                           | 142,073       | 194,414       | + 52,341   | + 56,285   |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and<br>gums ... ..   | 2,128,223                         | 2,318,542     | 2,817,999     | + 499,457  | + 689,776  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ... ..  | 1,521,762                         | 1,912,183     | 1,566,445     | + 345,738  | + 44,683   |
| J. Materials for paper making ... ..   | 444,878                           | 590,640       | 646,564       | + 55,924   | + 201,686  |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..  | 1,560,935                         | 1,063,111     | 2,151,263     | + 488,152  | + 590,323  |
| Total, Class II. ... ..  | £ 30,139,445                      | £ 36,029,750  | £ 45,493,992  | + 9,464,242  | + 15,354,547   |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly<br/>Manufactured—</b>  |                                   |               |               |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..   | 26,207,739                        | 32,369,712    | 39,735,183    | + 7,365,421  | + 13,527,394   |
| B. Other metals and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..   | 7,318,699                         | 8,293,902     | 10,168,059    | + 1,874,157  | + 2,849,360  |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements<br>and instruments ... ..   | 4,188,979                         | 4,860,903     | 5,388,025     | + 518,122  | + 1,199,046  |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus<br>(other than machinery and tele-<br>graph and telephone wire) ... .. | 1,897,174                         | 2,063,502     | 2,231,563     | + 168,061  | + 334,389  |
| E. Machinery ... ..  | 19,006,151                        | 21,968,521    | 26,207,166    | + 4,238,645  | + 7,201,015  |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..  | 4,786,485                         | 7,943,743     | 9,047,986     | + 1,104,243  | + 4,261,501  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and<br>timber (including furniture) ... ..                                       | 983,071                           | 1,053,955     | 1,157,188     | + 103,233  | + 174,117  |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—<br>1. Cotton ... ..  | 75,735,517                        | 82,927,297    | 92,098,850    | + 9,171,553  | + 16,363,333   |
| 2. Wool ... ..   | 24,337,936                        | 26,811,167    | 29,164,828    | + 2,353,661  | + 4,826,892  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..  | 10,788,562                        | 12,199,630    | 14,034,152    | + 1,834,522  | + 3,245,590  |
| I. Apparel ... ..  | 5,007,007                         | 5,773,086     | 6,132,067     | + 358,981  | + 1,125,060  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and<br>colours ... ..  | 12,140,458                        | 12,887,796    | 14,437,675    | + 1,549,879  | + 2,297,217  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof<br>(including boots and shoes and<br>gloves) ... ..                  | 4,590,393                         | 5,220,094     | 5,549,906     | + 329,812  | + 959,513  |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..  | 2,638,500                         | 3,014,879     | 3,363,074     | + 368,196  | + 744,575  |
| M. Paper ... ..  | 1,621,086                         | 1,706,387     | 1,960,281     | + 253,894  | + 339,185  |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..  | 20,910,554                        | 24,592,360    | 27,818,815    | + 3,226,255  | + 6,906,061  |
| Total, Class III. ... ..   | £ 222,156,311                     | £ 253,695,934 | £ 288,514,589 | + 34,818,635   | + 66,356,258   |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi-<br/>fied (including Parcel Post) £</b>                                |                                   |               |               |  |  |
|  | 3,915,558                         | 4,482,765     | 5,124,189     | + 641,424  | + 1,208,631  |
| Total ... ..   | £ 271,763,194                     | £ 311,288,578 | £ 357,600,684 | + 46,812,108   | + 86,837,560   |
| <b>Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.*</b>   |                                   |               |               |  |  |
|  | £                                 | £             | £             | £  | £  |
| Total value ... ..   | 64,012,454                        | 70,064,992    | 79,120,452    | + 9,055,460  | + 15,107,936   |

\* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship and are known as the "free on board" values.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in October, 1907.***V.—SHIPPING IN OCTOBER, 1907.**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during October, 1907, amounted to 3,747,347 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 5,213,633 tons, as against 3,893,768 tons entered, and 4,953,773 tons cleared during October, 1906. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during October, 1907, amounted to 2,641,516 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 2,627,343 tons, as against 2,897,780 tons entered, and 2,887,539 tons cleared in October, 1906.

**VI.—TEN MONTHS' SHIPPING (JANUARY-OCTOBER).**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during the ten months ended 31st October, 1907, amounted to 34,544,179 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 47,983,133 tons, as against 35,148,880 tons entered and 45,355,681 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1906. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during the ten months ended 31st October, 1907, amounted to 26,093,691 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 25,776,753 tons, as against 27,498,408 tons entered and 27,120,913 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1906.

**TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.**

The following summary table has been prepared in the Board of Trade showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to August, 1907, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period, viz., the eight months ended August. The corresponding figures for 1906 and 1905 are added for comparison :—

|                     | Imports ( <i>see Note below</i> ).<br>Eight Months ended August. |             |             | Exports (Domestic) ( <i>see Note below</i> ).<br>Eight Months ended August. |             |             |
|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
|                     | 1905.  | 1906.       | 1907.       | 1905.   | 1906.       | 1907.       |
|                     | £  | £           | £           | £   | £           | £           |
| Belgium* ...        | 75,437,000   | 85,785,000  | 93,847,000  | 53,949,000  | 66,447,000  | 68,905,000  |
| France... ..        | 126,363,000  | 147,859,000 | 160,104,000 | 122,957,000   | 134,803,000 | 146,707,000 |
| Spain ... ..        | 27,867,000   | 27,151,000  | 24,828,000  | 23,004,000  | 22,854,000  | 22,753,000  |
| Austria-Hungary     | 58,648,000   | 62,984,000  | 62,885,000  | 55,183,000  | 61,351,000  | 61,665,000  |
| Egypt ... ..        | 13,073,000   | 14,735,000  | 16,844,000  | 12,261,000  | 13,067,000  | 15,756,000  |
| United States...    | 160,476,000  | 176,177,000 | 208,712,000 | 197,371,000   | 225,406,000 | 245,059,000 |
| Japan ... ..        | 36,348,000   | 39,396,000  | 34,872,000  | 19,708,000  | 34,934,000  | 28,611,000  |
| British India... .. | 46,866,000   | 51,211,000  | 54,636,000  | 68,489,000  | 72,647,000  | 87,328,000  |
| Canada ... ..       | 35,201,000   | 41,244,000  | 51,467,000  | 22,935,000  | 29,375,000  | 29,594,000  |
| British S. Africa†  | not available  | 21,854,000  | 18,890,000  | not available   | 27,292,000  | 31,544,000  |
| United Kingdom ...  | 312,431,000  | 340,600,000 | 363,546,000 | 213,045,000   | 247,529,000 | 284,125,000 |

\* Value of *principal* articles only.

† Including bullion.

*Trade of Foreign Countries and British Possessions.*

A comparison of the total figures for nine months ended 30th September is possible for five countries, as follows, viz. :—

|                       | Imports ( <i>see Note</i> ).<br>Nine Months ended September. |             |             | Exports (Domestic) ( <i>see Note</i> ).<br>Nine Months ended September. |             |             |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
|                       | 1905.  | 1906.       | 1907.       | 1905.   | 1906.       | 1907.       |
|                       | £  | £           | £           | £   | £           | £           |
| Germany ... ..        | 239,519,000  | 284,175,000 | 315,189,000 | 197,942,000   | 217,618,000 | 249,281,000 |
| Belgium* ... ..       | 85,376,000   | 95,508,000  | 104,610,000 | 61,692,000  | 75,125,000  | 77,453,000  |
| France... ..          | 140,251,000  | 164,278,000 | 178,194,000 | 139,587,000   | 153,101,000 | 163,583,000 |
| United States ... ..  | 181,724,000  | 197,556,000 | 230,862,000 | 225,332,000   | 253,862,000 | 272,836,000 |
| United Kingdom ... .. | 352,621,000  | 380,093,000 | 402,868,000 | 242,396,000   | 278,054,000 | 319,261,000 |

\* Value of principal articles only.

NOTE.—In the case of Germany, Belgium, France, Austria-Hungary, Egypt, Japan, Canada, and *United Kingdom*, the import figures given in the above summaries represent imports for home consumption. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however, they include a certain amount of “nationalised” goods, i.e., goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade are as follow :—

|                                     | Imports.            |                     |                     | Exports (Domestic). |                    |                    |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                     | 1905.               | 1906.               | 1907.               | 1905.               | 1906.              | 1907.              |
|                                     | £                   | £                   | £                   | £                   | £                  | £                  |
| Russia* (6 months)...               | 26,928,000          | 31,133,000          | 34,791,000          | 49,397,000          | 47,362,000         | 41,821,000         |
| Switzerland (6 mths.)...            | 24,864,000          | 26,840,000          | 29,909,000          | 17,941,000          | 20,289,000         | 22,176,000         |
| Italy (6 months) ... ..             | 38,740,000          | 50,298,000          | 57,844,000          | 31,454,000          | 37,337,000         | 35,829,000         |
| Mexico† (7 months) ... ..           | 10,241,000          | 15,056,000          | 14,740,000          | 13,320,000          | 16,243,000         | 15,172,000         |
| Australian Commonwealth† (7 months) | not available       | 24,493,000          | 28,734,000          | not available       | 33,038,000         | 36,525,000         |
| Portugal (12 months)                | 1904.<br>13,969,000 | 1905.<br>13,655,000 | 1906.<br>13,588,000 | 1904.<br>6,910,000  | 1905.<br>6,518,000 | 1906.<br>6,383,000 |

\* European, Russo-Finnish and Black Sea Frontiers.

† Including bullion and specie.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the “Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions, including figures received up to 31st October,” to be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

## BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

any.—Referring to the manufacture of scientific instruments in Germany, H.M. Consul-General at Berlin (Dr. P. Mach) writes:—"In order to hold her own in competition Germany, Great Britain must persistently and vigorously enter into general practice the system of intimate co-operation of men of learning and practical mechanics so successfully followed by Germany. For it is a special characteristic of scientific instruments which are required in the exact sciences in more and more refined and perfected form, that only those instruments which are technically correct can keep the field."

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## PROTECTION IN JAPAN OF BRITISH TRADE MARKS FOR THE FAR EAST.

Reporting on the trade of Japan, H.M. Embassy at Tokio writes:—"The natural outlet for Japan's commercial enterprise is in the direction of China and Corea, and the advantages to be derived by British traders in the Far East naturally have from proximity, similarity of language, mutual understanding and familiarity with surroundings, of which they are not slow to avail themselves, become necessary for British traders to use strenuous endeavours to maintain their position and safeguard their interests. In this connexion the question of trade marks is of considerable importance, the imitation of those of British firms doing much to injure British interests, and a definite understanding on the part of British traders with Far Eastern competitors would appear desirable. The question on which has been brought forward in reports by H.M. Commercial Attaché (see "Board of Trade Journal" of August, pp. 360-1) that merchants should register their trade marks in Japan would, as he points out, prevent the subsequent adoption of such trade marks by Japanese traders; whereas, if not so, the registration of such trade marks by the rightful owners, as is now the case only in the United Kingdom by the rightful owners, would prevent the registration of such trade marks by others in Japan might lead to the assumption that they had acquired the right to use them for their own purposes. The registration therefore in Japan of British trade marks for use in the Far East is a suggestion of serious consideration by those interested."

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## SULPHUR MINES OF LOUISIANA.

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) has forwarded the following particulars, extracted from the "Scientific American," relating to the sulphur mines of Louisiana:—

The deposits in question, which belong to the Union Sulphur Company, are situated near the little town of Lake Charles, near the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and close to the border between Louisiana and Texas. The large number of bore-holes which have been sunk have revealed the presence, at great depth, of a vast extinct geyser. After passing down first through 200 feet of clay and then through 200 feet of quicksand and 80 feet of sand and gravel, the drills revealed the presence of a vast cone or mountain of limestone, approximately oval in form, the lip of the cone having a width of about 200 feet, and the mouth measuring from one-third to one mile across. A portion of the top of the cone is covered by a deposit of broken limestone, which varies in thickness from nothing to 150 feet, at the edges. After the drills had penetrated through this overlying stripping, they entered a huge deposit of sulphur and limestone, consisting of about 30 per cent. of limestone and 70 per cent. of pure sulphur. Below this was found a deposit of gypsum 450 feet in thickness, and underlying the gypsum a deposit of salt. Surrounding and covering the walls and summit of the cone is a bed of sand.

The discovery of this mine resulted from the efforts of a company which was formed in 1868 to search for petroleum, the presence of which was indicated by ooziings from the surface of the ground. Two years later, attempts were made to extract the sulphur which the borings for petroleum had revealed; but the impossibility of controlling the abundant sub-surface waters of this region, which is almost at sea level, rendered all attempts to recover the sulphur by the ordinary mining methods abortive.

The present successful system may be said to date from the year 1891, when the first patents on a process for recovering sulphur by liquefaction were taken out, but it was not until the year 1895 that the inventor succeeded in securing the property containing this deposit, and not until seven years later that the many difficulties in the way of mining the sulphur in this novel manner were overcome, and the process brought to a state of perfection, which made the new method a financial success. The quality of the product is excellent, showing upon analysis a purity of more than 99 per cent.

Briefly stated, the sulphur is melted by means of superheated water which is forced down into the deposit through iron pipes. The melted sulphur being insoluble in water, and of greater specific gravity, falls to the bottom of the well, whence it is raised to the surface by means of an air pump. On the surface it is

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l to congeal in the form of huge square masses, and subsequently is broken up and loaded on to the cars for shipment.

Details of the process are as follows:—A well is drilled, in the same way as for petroleum, to the bottom of the sulphur. Down this well is run a system of pipes, one within the other until it extends not quite to the bottom of the well. The outermost pipe is 10 inches in diameter; within this is a 6-inch pipe, inside of which is a 3-inch pipe, and within that a 1-inch pipe. Water, heated in a battery of boilers to a temperature of 212° F., is forced down through the annular space between the 10-inch and the 6-inch pipes, and issues through a number of perforations in the side of the pipe at a point two or three feet above the bottom of the well. The water, because of its great pressure, forces its way through the seams and crevices of the limestone rock, attacking and melting the sulphur, and it (owing to its superior gravity) to drain down to the bottom of the well. Here it enters the bottom of the pipe through a series of perforations, and passes up through the annular space between the 6-inch pipe and the 3-inch pipe. Normally, the two columns of liquid, water and sulphur, would stand in equilibrium at different levels, whose height would be inversely as their respective specific gravities, the water column being twice as high as the liquid sulphur column; so that when the top of the water column was at the level of the ground, the top of the liquid sulphur column would be at a point half-way between the bottom and the top of the pipe. In order to bring the sulphur to the surface, compressed air is forced down through the 1-inch pipe into the liquid sulphur, and the density of the latter is thereby reduced so that it is less than that of the water, and the mixture of sulphur and water rises and flows out in a steady stream at the surface.

It will be seen that the radius of action of the hot water, as it issues from the bottom of the tube, will be dependent upon its temperature and heat. That is to say, it will extend through the cracks and fissures of the limestone rock, melting out the sulphur, as far and just as long as it can maintain its heat above the melting point of the sulphur. As the sulphur, because of its low specific gravity, drains away to the bottom of the well or the water takes its place, although, of course, there is a subsidence of the ground to fill the voids thus produced. From 100 to 500 tons of sulphur have been known to flow from a single well in a single day, this rate being maintained for weeks at a time, and one well has actually furnished over 60,000 tons of sulphur. The wells are sunk at distances of from 50 to 100 feet from each other, and in this way this enormous deposit, which has a great thickness of from 250 to 300 feet, is being gradually mined. The subsidence of the ground, as might well be expected, is on a colossal scale, the surface having sunk over a

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larger area to an average depth of 30 feet. The mere work of filling in this depression is no small task, hundreds of cartloads of dirt having been hauled for this purpose.

Since the liquid sulphur comes to the surface over 99 per cent. pure, it is not necessary to subject it to any treatment to prepare it for the market. Consequently it is allowed to flow into large open bins built on the ground, areas measuring about 250 by 350 feet being bulkheaded in with timber for this purpose. The bins are of sufficient area to permit the layers to cool, as the sulphur flows into them, the layers forming and cooling first on one side of the bin and then on the other. In this manner a monolithic mass of pure sulphur, from 40 to 50 feet in height, is formed. The sulphur bins are intersected by tracks; and when a shipment is to be made, the boards surrounding the mass are taken down, and the wall of sulphur is broken up by labourers and wheeled into the cars.

Although the driving of the wells and putting down of the tubes is a large item of expense, the principal cost is the production of the enormous volumes of hot water, for which latter purpose a total of 24,000 horse-power of boilers is at the present time employed. Nevertheless, the sulphur rock is so extremely rich, the deposits of such vast extent, and the output so large and of such pure quality, that the Louisiana sulphur mines to-day are a great factor in the sulphur markets of the world. The annual consumption in the United States and Canada is about 200,000 tons (of 2,240 lbs.) of elementary sulphur, and until the last few years the production of sulphur in the United States averaged less than 1 per cent. of the total consumption. In 1902, for instance, the domestic production of elementary sulphur was 7,433 tons, while the amount imported was 174,939 tons. From these figures it can be easily seen that the United States, until very recently, was dependent on Europe for the bulk of its sulphur supply. The successful development of the Louisiana mines, however, has put the country in a position to meet the entire domestic demand, and the Union Sulphur Company are in a position to place their product in the European markets in competition with the great sulphur mines of Sicily, which have hitherto been the main producers for the whole world.

The production of sulphur by the Union Sulphur Company during 1906 amounted to 287,590 tons. This year they have already exported over 15,000 tons.

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## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### BRITISH INDIA.

A Customs Circular (No. 8 of 1907), dated 9th October last, has been received stating that the Government of India have decided that in future samples of goods not intended for sale, which are re-imported by commercial travellers into British India after duty has once been paid on them, shall be passed free of duty, provided certain rules are complied with.

**Free  
Re-importation  
of Travellers'  
Samples.**

These rules, which are in some detail, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, copy of a despatch from the Commonwealth Government stating, in reply to an enquiry regarding the method of valuation for purposes of duty on goods imported into the Australian Commonwealth, that the "fair market value under sec. 154 of the Customs Act, "is based on the price of the goods for home consumption, and "not on export prices."

A copy of a cablegram has been received from the Officer-in-Charge of the Commonwealth Offices in London stating that the following decisions with regard to the new 'Tariff have been given by the Commonwealth Parliament:—

**Decisions.**

The tariff items 89 (oilmen's stores), 94 (rice), 95-6 (salt), and 104 (starch flours) have been passed, and a new item, 89A inserted in the Tariff, viz. :—

Infants' food, as prescribed by Departmental Bye-law, Free on and after 6th November.

[Pending the issue of the bye-law, food classed as "infants' " in the old Tariff will be admitted free of duty.]

Items 100 and 103 have been amended as follows :—

| Item. | Articles.  | General Tariff.  | Tariff on goods the produce of the United Kingdom.  |
|-------|--|--|---|
| 100   | Soap—<br>A. Toilet, fancy or medicated.<br><br>B. Not elsewhere included<br><i>ad val.</i> | 25 % <i>ad val.</i> or 4 <i>d.</i> per lb., whichever is higher.*<br><br>25 % *<br>2½ <i>d.</i><br>Free. | 25 % <i>ad val.</i> or 4 <i>d.</i> per lb., whichever is higher.*<br><br>25 % *<br>2 <i>d.</i><br>Free. |
| 103   | Starch ... ..<br>Dextrine... ..  | 2½ <i>d.</i><br>Free.  | 2 <i>d.</i><br>Free.  |

\* With effect from 6th November, 1907.

The excise duties on starch, amyllic alcohol and fusel oil have also been passed.

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#### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.

A copy of a further cablegram has been received, notifying that tariff items 109-111 and 113 and 114, respecting feathers, diving dresses and bags, have been passed by the Commonwealth House of Representatives, and that the undermentioned items have been amended as follows:—

| Tariff Item.                 | Articles.   | General Tariff.                               | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>DIVISION V.—TEXTILES.</b> |   |   |   |
| 106                          | Apparel and attire—woollen or silk or containing wool or silk—partly or wholly made up, including articles cut into shape... <i>ad val.</i>   | 40 % *  | 35 % *  |
| 107                          | Apparel and attire, n.e.i., for the human body; partly or wholly made up, made of any material not containing wool or silk, including material cut into shape therefor ... <i>ad val.</i>                                 | 35 % *  | 30 % *  |
| 108                          | Articles, n.e.i., partly or wholly made up, from textiles, felts, furs, or feathers, not included under items 107 or 137 (trimmings and ornaments), and including materials cut into shape therefor ... .. <i>ad val.</i> | 30 % *  | 25 % *  |
| 112                          | Regalia, viz., embroidery, woven sashes and collars ... ..  | } Item deleted. To be charged under item 107. |   |

\* With effect from 7th November, 1907.

#### CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" for 15th October last contains a Customs Notice (No. 1,134 of 12th October, 1907), stating that in accordance with sec. 15 of Act No. 1 of 1906, a rebate of duty will be granted, under certain conditions, on goods entered for removal overland to German South-West Africa—with effect from 15th October last.

The effect of the Notice is to impose a *transit* duty of 3 per cent. *ad valorem* on all goods removed overland to German South-West Africa, except on spirits and wines, the duties on which are:—

##### Spirits—

Liqueurs, cordials, and mixed spirits ... 3s. 0d. per imp. gall.

Other potable spirits containing more than 3 per cent. of proof spirit ... 3s. 6d. per pf. gall.

Wines ... .. 1s. 6d. per imp. gall.

The same issue of the "Gazette" contains a copy of the Regulations (No. 1,135 of 1907) which have been issued under the above Notice.

The Notice and Regulations may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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#### **NATAL.**

reference to the notice which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 19th September last, respecting the importation of second-hand clothing into Natal, the Board of Trade have now received from their Natal correspondent, information to the effect that the following charges will be made for disinfecting second-hand clothing imported into the Colony.

Uniform charge of 7s. 6d. per 100 lbs. weight of material, minimum charge of 15s. (for the use of the steam disinfecting apparatus) for cases of boots, which will be charged by fumigation.

#### **EGYPT.**

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 28th October contains the text of a revised valuation tariff for use in assessing Customs duties on provisions imported into Egypt from Syria, Turkey, Candia, Chio, Greece, and Malta. This tariff, which was to take effect on the 1st November and is to remain in operation for a period of one year (*i.e.*, until 31st October, 1908), or until further notice, can be consulted by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **RUSSIA.**

A notice recently issued by the Foreign Office attention is drawn to the fact that cases not unfrequently arise of fines being imposed on vessels by the Russian Customs authorities on account of clerical errors in bills of lading or other ship's papers.

His Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg has expressed the opinion that the proper mode of proceeding in such cases appears to be insufficiently known to British shipowners, who usually refer themselves to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, or the British Embassy at St. Petersburg.

It is essential, therefore, with a view to avoid delay, and in order to draw the proper attention to the facts of the case, for the owners of the vessel, or the shipper of the goods on which a fine is imposed, to follow the prescribed form of procedure, which is as follows:

On receipt of notification of the imposition of a fine for errors or other discrepancies in the shipping documents, the shipowner should immediately on receiving notification of the imposi-

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documents, furnish their agents or the receivers of the goods with a declaration setting forth all the facts of the case so as to enable the latter to draw up and present a petition to the proper authorities for a remission or reduction of the fine imposed. This declaration should be signed in the presence of a competent authority, whose signature should be attested by a Russian Consular officer. Care should be taken that this declaration be forwarded in time to permit the agents of the vessel or receivers of the goods petitioning within a term of three weeks, which is allowed from the day the fine is imposed.

Should the efforts of the agents of the vessel or receivers of the goods fail to obtain a remission of the fine, then the owners of the vessel or shippers of the cargo may apply direct to His Majesty's Ambassador or His Majesty's Consul at St. Petersburg asking him to support their case, and when this course is adopted a copy or translation of the petitions, and any other documents submitted by the agents or receivers of the goods, should invariably accompany such communication; but in no case should the complaint be brought to the notice of the Imperial Government in the first instance by the channel of His Majesty's Embassy or Consulate.

It should be borne in mind that fines for infractions, however trifling, of the Russian Customs Regulations are not imposed in a vexatious spirit, but rather in order to insure the strict observance of those Regulations, which a tendency has at times been evinced to disregard. It is therefore of great importance, in order to avoid the imposition of these fines, that shipowners and shipmasters should make themselves familiar with the requirements of these Regulations.

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**NETHERLANDS.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy and translation of a Dutch Royal Decree, dated 16th October, 1907, fixing the duty on calcium saccharate imported into the Netherlands at the rate of 19 florins per 100 kilograms. (1½*d.* per lb.).

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**FRANCE.**

The French "Journal Officiel" for the 3rd November contains a Presidential Decree, dated the 31st October, fixing at 20,000,000 kilogrammes the quantity of olive oil and black olive oil of Tunisian production which may be imported into France free of duty during the twelve months ending 31st October, 1908.

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### FRANCE-HAITI.

French "Journal Officiel" for the 1st November contains a Presidential Decree promulgating in France the Commercial Convention between France and Haiti, which was signed on the 30th January last, and the ratifications of which were exchanged at Paris on the 23rd October. The principal provisions of this Convention will be noted at p. 24 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 4th

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### SWITZERLAND.

"Feuille Fédérale Suisse" for the 23rd October contains a notification of the Swiss Customs Department to the effect that from the 1st January next import declarations for goods comprised in Class XII of the Customs Tariff (Machinery, Machine Tools, Vehicles and Vessels—Tariff Nos. 897-904) will be required to include, for statistical purposes, and in addition to the particulars already required, a statement of the *value* of the goods, including all charges incurred from the place of exportation to the Swiss frontier, but excluding Customs duty.

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### PORTUGAL-LORENCO MARQUES.

"Boletim Official de Moçambique" for the 21st September contains a Decree of the Governor-General provisionally fixing the import duty on pure alcohol imported into Lorenzo Marques by chemists for pharmaceutical and medicinal purposes at the rate of 250 reis per litre. The quantity of alcohol which may be imported by each chemist in the course of a year is limited to 1,000 litres.

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### GREECE.

Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Circular instruction which has been issued to the Greek Customs authorities on the subject of the formalities connected with the admission into Greece of commercial travellers' samples, and samples introduced by parcel post. It is pointed out in this Circular that samples of no commercial value are exempted from import duty by the Customs Tariff Law. Commercial travellers' samples which have value, however, as well as those of being utilised in commerce, are delivered from the warehouse at which they are imported only after marks or

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seals have been affixed thereto by the Customs for purposes of identification, and satisfactory security has been given for payment of import duty in the event of their not being exported from the Kingdom within a period of one year. Immediate payment of import duty is exacted on samples, except those of no commercial value, sent into Greece by parcels post; but samples of tissues in larger pieces than is customary will be delivered free of duty after being rendered useless by cutting.

A complete translation of the Circular may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington:—

#### Customs Decisions.

*Hematite—Bloodstone.*—Pieces of hematite, or bloodstone, less than 1 inch in any dimension, designed and suitable for jewellery settings exclusively, are dutiable as precious stones at the rate of 10 per cent. *ad valorem* under paragraph 435 of the Tariff, and not at the rate of 35 per cent. *ad valorem* under paragraph 97 as articles and wares composed wholly or in chief value of earthy or mineral substances undecorated.

*Flatfish (squid) and cuttlefish* are free of duty as shellfish under paragraph 659 of the Tariff.

*Preserved pineapples.*—Where the total sugar in preserved pineapples, in the form of invert sugar, is in excess of 21·09 per cent, duty is to be assessed at the rate applicable to "fruits preserved in sugar," viz., 1 cent per pound and 35 per cent. *ad valorem*, under paragraph 263 of the Tariff.

*Coloured cotton cloth.*—Fancy cotton cloth whose surface is partly or wholly covered with designs, patterns, or figures interwoven with coloured cotton threads, is dutiable as cotton cloth, dyed, coloured, painted, or printed, under the provisions of Schedule I., Tariff Act of 1897. The contention that in determining the character of cotton cloth as to whether or not it is "coloured," for the purpose of assessing duty, regard must be had only to the warp and weft threads constituting what may be called the foundation of the fabric, and that all other parts of the weave or construction should be ignored, is inadmissible.

## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.

In reference to the notice on p. 273 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th November respecting the formation of a new Steamship Company "Dalmatia, Limited," H.M. Consul at Trieste (Mr. J. B. Spence) now reports that although the newly-formed Company will enjoy the monopoly of the coasting and local service in Dalmatia and Dalmatian Islands, in addition to carrying on a service of mail steamers from Trieste to Metcovich (three departures per week), and to Curzola (one departure per week), the "Austrian Lloyd" Ss. Company will run three express mail services per week to Cattaro, a service to Cattaro-Spizsa and one to Albania. The "Ragusea" Ss. Company, which retained its independence on the formation of the "Dalmatia" Company, will inaugurate a service of three departures per week (mail steamers) from Trieste to Cattaro, one line of steamers from Dalmatia to Bari, and a service to Obotti and on to the Lake of Scutari, thereby entering into competition with the other steamship lines.

For these different services the "Austrian Lloyd" Ss. Company receive an annual subsidy of 1,200,000 crowns (50,000*l.*); the "Dalmatia" Ss. Company one of 900,000 crowns (37,500*l.*); the "Ragusea" Ss. Company one of 480,000 crowns (20,000*l.*).

### CHINA.

In reference to the notices on p. 27 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 3rd October, and on p. 614 of that of the 26th September, respecting freight rates on the South Manchurian Railway, H.M. Embassy have now forwarded a list of the rates, together with a translation of the regulations in force on that railway, prepared by the British Vice-Consul at Dairen (Mr. H. G. Parlett).

It is remarked that although the general goods tariff from Mukden to Dairen (Dalny) is, as compared with that to Yingkow (Yenchang), a differential one, in proportion to the distance, in favour of the former port, yet the Japanese Railway Authorities, in admitting this differentiation, point out that, so long as goods from Mukden can be delivered at Yingkow at the rate of 6 yen per ton, as against 6.25 yen at Dairen, it cannot with justice be said that a differential tariff exists in favour of the latter port.

The list of rates and translation of regulations may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C.

## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY. UNITED KINGDOM.

A formal investigation was held on 31st October and 1st and 2nd November, at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Poplar, into the circumstances attending the explosion of a Stirling boiler which occurred at the Poplar Borough Electrical Works on the 16th August last.

**Enquiry under the Boiler Explosions Act.** The Commissioners found that the accident was due primarily to the over-heating of a tube in the boiler due to deposit in it, and in a lesser degree to the drawing out of the upper part of the tube from the drum thereafter. They were satisfied that the failure of the water softener to perform its duties accounted in some measure for deposit in the boiler, and expressed the opinion that too much reliance should not be placed on water softening plant. No blame was attached to the Borough Council nor to the Chief and Assistant Engineers, and the Commissioners made no order as to costs.

## CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The "Cape Argus" publishes some particulars of a discovery of lignite in the Knysna district. A syndicate was formed to investigate the deposit, and on a shaft being sunk to a depth of 30 feet, three seams of the mineral were struck, aggregating 17 feet in thickness. Further tests were made at different places in the same district, and the area containing the lignite was found to be some miles in extent.

Trials made with this fuel in Cape Town have given apparently satisfactory results, although, before the importance of the discovery can be fully estimated, experiments will have to be conducted on a larger scale.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

Referring to the recent discovery of a deposit of magnesite of considerable extent made by Mr. J. B. Jacquet, Chief Inspector of Mines (N.S.W.), while inspecting some platinum bearing country at Fifield, the "Australian Mining Standard" quotes some remarks by Mr. Kilburn Scott, of the Sydney University, who is conducting a series of tests with the product. Mr. Scott states that the Fifield deposit is unique in its remarkable purity, and especially in that lime is absent. All other deposits, including those of New Caledonia, the United States, and the large deposit at Euboea have considerable lime present. "For many years," Mr. Scott adds, "experts have been trying to meet the great call for a magnesite brick to withstand higher temperatures than the ordinary silica firebrick, and one difficulty in the way has apparently been due to impurities—especially lime—in the raw material. It is mainly on this account that I think the Fifield deposit promises so well."

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**

The "Australian Mining Standard" of 2nd October draws attention to a report by Mr. P. Riches, Inspector of Mines (Western Australia), on the discovery of asbestos in the Pilbarra District, about 15 miles due west of Coonglegong. The asbestos lodes, says Mr. Riches, occur in a belt of serpentine country running north-east and south-west, that lies more or less in a valley bounded on the north and south by large jasper dykes. The serpentine belt varies in width from 20 chains to about 5 chains, where it passes through a steep gorge at the south-west end of the traverse. After passing through this gorge it again widens out and extends with varying widths for another mile. The asbestos lodes, so far traced, are two parallel lodes about a chain and a-half apart, and can be traced along the surface for about 30 chains. Mr. Riches found on arrival that very little prospecting work of any sort had been done. Samples from the lodes were obtained by him and forwarded to the Minister for Mines. Mr. Riches concludes his report by stating that until some development work is done, and it is ascertained whether the lodes and fibre exist at depth, and also the percentage of fibre in the lode at these depths, it is utterly impossible for anyone to form an opinion as to the value of the mine or the amount of the asbestos available. The proposition, he adds, strikes him as a very favourable one, and in his opinion is well worthy of some systematic development.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) reports that attention has lately been called in both the technical and the daily press of that country to a new process by which concrete is said to be made practically waterproof. The method of doing this, which appears to be both simple and effective, consists in adding a small amount of ordinary clay to the cement; it is claimed that this not only renders the concrete impervious to water but also strengthens it. Ordinary concrete is porous, and vast sums have been expended from time to time in the endeavour to make it waterproof. Now that reinforced concrete is being so largely used, it is evident, Mr. Bell observes, that any practical method of preventing water reaching the steel rods embedded in the cement would be of the greatest value.

The "Engineering News" (New York) publishes a paper by the Chemist to the Board to the American Society of Civil Engineers, giving the result of an investigation of the subject of waterproofing cement that has been carried on by the New York Board of Water Supply in their effort to perfect the materials and methods of construction in the immense new aqueduct for that city. The journal in question may be seen by those interested on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

## YARNS AND TEXTILES.

### CAICOS ISLANDS.

A report upon the Caicos Islands, with special reference to the further development of the sisal industry, has recently been issued by the Colonial Office. **Sisal Industry.** The Commissioner of the Islands, who has prepared the report, says that two of the three essential conditions for the profitable cultivation of the fibre can be fulfilled there, viz., a large area of land and an abundant supply of cheap labour. The report itself (*Colonial Reports, Miscellaneous, No. 43*) can be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C., price 2d.

### ROUMANIA.

H.M. Consul at Bucharest (Mr. O. Wardrop) reports that the "Monitorul Oficial" of 2nd November announces the formation of a company for the establishment of a hemp industry in Roumania. **Formation of Company for Hemp Industry.** The company has a capital of 640,000 fr., of which a great deal seems to be of Bohemian origin. Mr. Wardrop adds that it is probable that the necessary machinery has already been purchased.

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 9th November, 1907, were as follows:—

|                     |        |     |     |     |     |      |      |
|---------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| <b>Corn Prices.</b> | Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35s. | 10d. |
|                     | Barley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27s. | 8d.  |
|                     | Oats   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18s. | 10d. |

For further particulars see p. 336.

A statement is published on p. 337, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 9th November, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906. **Imports of Agricultural Produce.**

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#### GRENADA.

The report on Grenada for 1906 states that the cotton and cotton seed exported from the Island are the product of the Colony's principal dependency, Carriacou, where it has never ceased to be cultivated. The crop for 1906 was satisfactory as compared with the average, 2,779 cwt. of cotton and 7,526 cwt. of seed, valued at 8,003*l.*, being exported, as compared with 1,899 cwt. of cotton and 4,849 cwt. of seed, valued at 3,365*l.*, in 1905, when the crop failed in consequence of abnormally showery weather prevailing when the trees were setting the bolls. Another satisfactory feature of the output in 1906 was that a marked proportion of it consisted for the first time of Sea Island cotton, the acreage of which under cultivation in the dependency is steadily increasing year by year as the peasants come to realise its value. At the Government cotton ginnery in Hillsborough, which is run so as to gin the peasant settlers' cotton at cost price, 33 bales of Sea Island and 136 bales of Marie Galante cotton were ginned during the year. (*Colonial Reports, Annual, No. 546.*)

#### GERMANY—BAVARIA.

The "Moniteur Officiel du Commerce" (Paris) states that the Bavarian statistical office has recently published the first estimates of the hop harvest, received from the communes where hops are grown. According to these returns the area under cultivation is 23,426 hectares, the estimated output being 129,389 metric quintals, classified as 38,743 quintals "very good," 56,631 quintals "good," 31,592 quintals "medium," 1,738 quintals "sub-medium," and 685 quintals "mediocre."

The 1906 crop amounted to 125,000 quintals, and the 1905 crop to 154,000 quintals.

Quintal=100 kilogs.=220·4 lbs.

#### SPAIN.

H.M. Consul at Malaga (Mr. J. G. Haggard), in his report for 1906, states that olive oil turned out an utter disappointment to all concerned, the yield being 500,000 arrobas\* as compared with 1,000,000 arrobas in 1905. Consequently none has been exported, as the whole production is required for home consumption.

For the last two years, continues Mr. Haggard, trade in sulphur (olive) oil for soap making has been almost at a standstill owing to the poor crops, and the small quantities produced have been taken up by home industry at prices far above those

\* Arroba = 25·35 lbs.

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offered by foreign markets, 1907 promises a good crop, and even if only 10 per cent. of the blossoms now showing give fruit, farmers are looking forward to a good year in this article. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,937.*)

### ITALY.

With reference to the notice on p. 179 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 24th October respecting olive oil production in Italy, H.M. Consul-General at Naples (Mr. E. Neville Rolfe, M.V.O.) reports that on the whole the Italian olive oil crop is expected to be a good one this year. The Calabrias and Sicily crops will be above the average, and the Puglia district is expected to yield a normal crop. The stocks of last year are completely exhausted, and the home consumption is very large. These facts will influence prices. Quality should be excellent as the fruit is sound and has not been punctured by fly. The crop cannot be ready before the end of the year.

The following particulars respecting the production of olive oil in the Bordighera district, which includes Latte, Roja and Nervia valleys and the Mandamento of Bordighera, have been forwarded by the British Vice-Consul there (Mr. E. E. Berry):—

The average yield per season is about 1,500,000 quintals divided into the following four qualities:—

Mangiabile—Proportion, 12 per cent.; local price, 85 lire per quintal; obtained in November and December.

Mezzofino—Proportion, 15 per cent.; price, 105 lire per quintal; obtained in January and the first half of February.

Fino—Proportion, 25 per cent.; price, 110 lire per quintal; also obtained in January and the first half of February.

Extra-Fino—Proportion, 50 per cent.; price 120 lire per quintal; obtained from the middle of February to the end of the season, mainly from the fruit obtained from beating the trees.

Formerly a very considerable proportion of the oil was of very inferior quality and only suitable for industrial purposes, but owing to improvements in the methods of extraction very little of this industrial oil is now produced in the Bordighera district. The best oil is obtained from the trees grown on the higher ground. It is estimated that this season only about a quarter of the average quantity will be obtained, and that the oil will be only of the two lowest qualities, "mangiabile" and "mezzofino."

Quintal = 220·4 lbs; lire = 9½d.

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### BRAZIL.

A supplement to the "Brazilian Review" of 15th October contains extracts from the message of the Governor of the State of Para to the Legislative Assembly, in which the following figures were given:—

#### **Rubber Crop of 1906-7.**

The rubber production of the State in the season 1906-7 amounted to 11,467 tons, valued at 3,392,000*l.*, as compared with 11,882 tons, valued at 3,623,440*l.* in 1905-6. The total rubber crop of Brazil in 1906-7 amounted to 37,835,000 kilos., comprising 31,542,972 kilos. rubber and 6,292,028 kilos. caucho. Of the total crop, 37,666,777 kilos. were exported to New York, Liverpool, Hamburg, Havre and Antwerp, viz.:—18,680,383 kilos. fine, 3,621,387 kilos. medium, 9,084,352 kilos. Sernamby, and 6,280,695 kilos. caucho. The quantity of stock on 30th June last was 168,000 kilos.

### ARGENTINA.

H.M. Minister at Buenos Ayres reports that the twentieth annual Agricultural Show of the Argentine Rural Society, held at Palermo—a suburb of Buenos Ayres—was opened on the 8th September in the presence of the President of the Republic, by the Minister of Agriculture, Señor Ramos Mejia.

#### **Agricultural Show at Buenos Ayres.**

His Excellency in his speech laid stress on the progress which had taken place in cattle-breeding in Argentina, as was shown by the excellence of the animals exhibited, and he expressed the opinion that in a few years Argentina would not need to import pedigree stock. He stated that the area under grain in the country now amounted to 7,200,000 hectares (17,791,200 acres), an increase of 200,000 hectares (494,200 acres) over the area in 1906, and that the present condition of the crops was excellent.

The most notable exhibits were in the class of Durham cattle. There was a large class of Herefords, also of very high quality. The horses on the whole were disappointing both in quality and quantity.

### SIAM.

The Acting British Consul at Bangkok (Mr. J. Crosby) calls attention in his recent report to the item of 52 tons of rubber, valued at 12,214*l.* exported from Bangkok in 1906. He adds, however, that the bulk of this consignment, though shipped from Siam, arrived from the neighbourhood of Luang Prabang in French Laos territory.

#### **Rubber Cultivation.**

Mr. Crosby states that the soil of the greater portion of Siam appears well adapted for the cultivation of rubber. Planting operations on a business scale, however, are at present confined to certain districts in the Malay Peninsula. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,938.*)

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 7th November, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 115,174 (including 67 bales British West Indian and 1,059 bales British West African) and the number imported during the forty-five weeks ended the 7th November was 3,764,922 (including 5,816 bales British West Indian and 9,917 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 7th November, 9,961 bales, and for the forty-five weeks, 431,780 bales.

For further details see p. 336.

### CANADA.

With reference to the notice on p. 283 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th November regarding a Royal Proclamation for the establishment of a Branch of the Royal Mint at Ottawa, it may be noted that the "London Gazette" of 8th November contains a reprint of the Proclamation with an alteration in the final clause to the effect that the date on which the Proclamation will come into force is 1st January, 1908, and not 9th November, 1907.

### ADEN.

The following statistics showing the value of the sea-borne foreign and Indian trade of Aden during the year ended 31st March, 1907, compared with the year ended 31st March, 1906, are taken from the annual Report on the Trade and Navigation Returns of Aden:—

|                    | Imports.    |             | Exports.    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                    | 1905-6.     | 1906-7.     | 1905-6.     | 1906-7.     |
|                    | Rs.         | Rs.         | Rs.         | Rs.         |
| Merchandise ... .. | 4,41,88,663 | 4,94,80,758 | 3,94,74,236 | 3,89,77,332 |
| Treasure ... ..    | 49,41,670   | 32,40,174   | 54,44,184   | 37,92,526   |
| Total ... ..       | 4,91,30,333 | 5,27,20,932 | 4,49,18,420 | 4,27,69,858 |

The value of articles of merchandise imported from the interior of Arabia by land into Aden during the year ended 31st March last amounted to Rs. 29,11,167, as compared with Rs. 27,21,623 during the year ended 31st March, 1906, and the value of the merchandise that passed into Arabia per inland communication from Aden during the same periods amounted to Rs. 13,77,774

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and Rs. 15,54,937 respectively. The value of the treasure that passed from Arabia into Aden in 1906-7 amounted to Rs. 1,63,415, as compared with Rs. 3,35,082 in 1905-6, while the treasure that passed into Arabia from Aden amounted to Rs. 1,97,162 as compared with Rs. 1,42,458.

**MAURITIUS.**

The following statistics of the import and export trade of Mauritius during the year 1906 (to which **Trade in 1906.** comparative figures for 1905 have been added) have been taken from the report recently issued by the Colonial Office (*Annual, No. 547*):—

| Countries.          | 1905.                          |   | 1906.                          |   |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
|                     | Imports<br>(including specie). | Exports of<br>Colonial Produce<br>(including shipping charges). | Imports<br>(including specie). | Exports of<br>Colonial Produce<br>(including shipping charges). |
|                     | Ra.                            | Ra.   | Ra.                            | Ra.   |
| United Kingdom...   | 7,357,000                      | 2,168,000   | 8,971,000                      | 2,982,000   |
| British Possessions | 13,542,000                     | 32,852,000  | 14,829,000                     | 34,452,000  |
| Foreign Countries   | 6,045,000                      | 788,000   | 5,788,000                      | 2,118,000   |
| Total ... ..        | 26,944,000                     | 35,808,000  | 29,588,000                     | 39,552,000  |

**TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.**

The following statement, showing the values of the total imports and exports of Trinidad and Tobago in the **Trade in 1906-7.** years ended 31st March, 1906 and 1907, is taken from the report on the Colony recently issued by the Colonial Office (*Annual, No. 545*):—

| Countries.              | Imports.  |           | Exports.  |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                         | 1905-6.   | 1906-7.   | 1905-6.   | 1906-7.   |
|                         | £         | £         | £         | £         |
| United Kingdom ... ..   | 957,594   | 922,184   | 828,411   | 701,919   |
| British Colonies ... .. | 836,415   | 361,572   | 579,569   | 279,929   |
| United States ... ..    | 651,070   | 677,283   | 851,042   | 974,846   |
| Venezuela ... ..        | 658,587   | 914,793   | 261,672   | 315,446   |
| Other countries ... ..  | 199,945   | 244,885   | 648,012   | 600,185   |
| Total ... ..            | 3,303,611 | 3,120,717 | 3,168,706 | 2,872,325 |

*Miscellaneous.***GRENADA.**

The following figures, showing the value of the imports and exports (including specie) of Grenada in the years 1905 and 1906, are taken from the report recently published by the Colonial Office (*Annual*,

No. 546):—

|                             | Imports. |         | Exports. |         |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
|                             | 1905.    | 1906.   | 1905.    | 1906.   |
|                             | £        | £       | £        | £       |
| United Kingdom ... ..       | 100,082  | 86,631  | 181,970  | 119,902 |
| British Colonies ... ..     | 64,557   | 67,242  | 7,049    | 7,245   |
| United States of America... | 69,526   | 66,897  | 58,995   | 44,680  |
| Other countries ... ..      | 3,091    | 2,678   | 35,941   | 38,323  |
| Total ... ..                | 237,256  | 223,448 | 283,955  | 210,149 |

**CHILE.**

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Santiago reports that during August considerable anxiety was caused on account of the dearth of provisions in Chile. The high price of meat in the capital, which during the past two years has risen as much as 300 per cent., has resulted in great hardship to the labouring classes. This is, in all probability, due principally to the fact that owing to the rise of wages during the past two years, the labouring classes, who formerly subsisted on bread and beans, have now become very large consumers of meat, and the capabilities of the country are insufficient to meet the consequent sudden increase in the demand. A commission is sitting to study the question, and it is expected that next session Congress will sanction the suspension of the duty on imported cattle.

**SIAM.**

The Acting British Consul at Bangkok (Mr. J. Crosby) reports that the quantity of teak exported from that port during 1906 shows a falling-off as against 1905 (the record year) of 4,560 tons, the figures being 96,837 tons, valued at 819,647*l.*, in 1906, as compared with 101,397 tons, valued at 817,396*l.*, in 1905. The output of teak for 1906 constitutes a record, however, for all previous years, 1905 excepted, and exceeds the five years' average by 29,345 tons (338,036*l.*). To the figures given for 1906 must be added a total of 74,494 bundles (about 621 tons) of teak shingles exported. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,938).

# STATISTICAL TABLES.

## Cotton Returns.—October, 1907.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported, Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and Returned to Ports during the Month and Ten Months ended 31st October, 1907, compared with the corresponding Periods of the Year 1906.

|  | MONTH OF OCTOBER. |                | TEN MONTHS ENDED<br>31ST OCTOBER. |                  |
|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
|  | 1907.             | 1906.          | 1907.                             | 1906.            |
| <b>IMPORTS.</b>                              |                   |                |                                   |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 244,494           | 336,200        | 2,645,498                         | 2,020,083        |
| Brazilian ... ..                             | 4,780             | 3,332          | 179,209                           | 186,437          |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 17,418            | 3,413          | 193,924                           | 120,729          |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 42,095            | 33,050         | 892,460                           | 325,139          |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 11,013*           | 17,582         | 181,805†                          | 87,151           |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>319,799</b>    | <b>393,667</b> | <b>3,542,896</b>                  | <b>2,749,539</b> |
| <b>EXPORTS.</b>                              |                   |                |                                   |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 12,619            | 11,710         | 213,992                           | 151,525          |
| Brazilian ... ..                             | 1,471             | 1,485          | 16,907                            | 15,163           |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 8,280             | 2,970          | 68,808                            | 35,069           |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 1,694             | 2,242          | 107,809                           | 60,431           |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 505               | 755            | 11,521                            | 7,008            |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>24,569</b>     | <b>19,162</b>  | <b>418,537</b>                    | <b>272,106</b>   |
| <b>FORWARDED FROM PORTS TO INLAND TOWNS.</b> |                   |                |                                   |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 244,882           | 255,480        | 2,481,876                         | 2,425,049        |
| Brazilian ... ..                             | 18,221            | 19,589         | 129,767                           | 160,915          |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 5,855             | 3,213          | 61,852                            | 49,858           |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 26,164            | 19,017         | 272,818                           | 243,213          |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 8,817             | 10,429         | 69,928                            | 72,942           |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>303,889</b>    | <b>307,728</b> | <b>3,015,741</b>                  | <b>2,951,977</b> |
| <b>FORWARDED FROM INLAND TOWNS TO PORTS.</b> |                   |                |                                   |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 9                 | 4              | 417                               | 683              |
| Brazilian ... ..                             | —                 | —              | —                                 | —                |
| East Indian ... ..                           | —                 | —              | —                                 | —                |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | —                 | —              | —                                 | —                |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 6                 | 270            | 185                               | 348              |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>15</b>         | <b>274</b>     | <b>602</b>                        | <b>971</b>       |

\* Including 120 bales British West Indian and 891 bales British West African.

† " 5,749 " " 8,858 " " "

**Cotton Returns—continued.**

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 45 Weeks ended 7th November, 1907 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>7th Nov.,<br>1907. | 45 Weeks<br>ended<br>7th Nov.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>7th Nov.,<br>1907. | 45 Weeks<br>ended<br>7th Nov.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
|                      | <b>IMPORTS.<br/>(Bales.)</b>     |   | <b>EXPORTS.<br/>(Bales.)</b>     |   |
|                      | No.                              | No.                                     | No.                              | No.                                     |
| American ... ..      | 93,449                           | 2,824,441                               | 3,274                            | 218,798                                 |
| Brasilian ... ..     | 3,187                            | 190,870                                 | —                                | 17,067                                  |
| East Indian ... ..   | 407                              | 197,570                                 | 6,120                            | 75,028                                  |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 10,242                           | 411,519                                 | 410                              | 109,219                                 |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 7,889*                           | 140,522†                                | 157                              | 11,678                                  |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>115,174</b>                   | <b>3,764,922</b>                        | <b>9,961</b>                     | <b>431,780</b>                          |

\* Including 67 bales British West Indian and 1,059 bales British West African.

† " 5,816 " " " 9,917 " "

**Corn Prices.**

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 9th November, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|   |  | <b>Average Price.</b> |           |                |           |              |           |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
|   |  | <b>Wheat.</b>         |           | <b>Barley.</b> |           | <b>Oats.</b> |           |
| <b>Week ended 9th November, 1907 ... ..</b> |  | <i>s.</i>             | <i>d.</i> | <i>s.</i>      | <i>d.</i> | <i>s.</i>    | <i>d.</i> |
|   |  | 35                    | 10        | 27             | 8         | 18           | 10        |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>               |  |                       |           |                |           |              |           |
| 1900 ... ..                                 |  | 27                    | 1         | 25             | 8         | 17           | 1         |
| 1901 ... ..                                 |  | 26                    | 9         | 26             | 9         | 18           | 3         |
| 1902 ... ..                                 |  | 25                    | 0         | 25             | 11        | 17           | 3         |
| 1903 ... ..                                 |  | 26                    | 6         | 24             | 6         | 15           | 9         |
| 1904 ... ..                                 |  | 30                    | 3         | 24             | 6         | 15           | 11        |
| 1905 ... ..                                 |  | 28                    | 3         | 24             | 10        | 17           | 4         |
| 1906 ... ..                                 |  | 26                    | 6         | 24             | 8         | 17           | 1         |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

## Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 9th November, 1907, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|  |              | Week ended<br>9th Nov.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>   |              |                                  |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..                                     | Number.      | 11,927                           | 9,735                               |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..   | "            | 3,188                            | 1,063                               |
| Swine ... ..   | "            | —                                | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..  | "            | 319                              | 418                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>  |              |                                  |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...                             | Cwts.        | 103,105                          | 70,145                              |
| Mutton " " " " ...   | "            | 48,051                           | 36,295                              |
| Pork " " " " ...   | "            | 11,486                           | 11,365                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>  |              |                                  |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..   | Cwts.        | 91,640                           | 103,814                             |
| Beef ... ..  | "            | 1,683                            | 2,401                               |
| Hams ... ..  | "            | 27,228                           | 17,077                              |
| Pork ... ..  | "            | 4,676                            | 3,766                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh ... ..   | "            | 10,898                           | } 8,690                             |
| " " salted ... ..  | "            | 1,880                            |                                     |
| " " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) | "            | 5,645                            |                                     |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>                                   |              |                                  |                                     |
| Butter ... ..  | Cwts.        | 61,056                           | 67,084                              |
| Margarine ... ..   | "            | 15,767                           | 18,825                              |
| Cheese ... ..  | "            | 49,866                           | 39,589                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..                                     | "            | —                                | —                                   |
| " " cream ... ..   | "            | 110                              | 74                                  |
| " " condensed ... ..   | "            | 21,808                           | 14,674                              |
| " " preserved, other kinds ... ..  | "            | 184                              | 187                                 |
| Eggs ... ..  | Grt. Hunder. | 480,978                          | 453,591                             |
| Poultry ... ..   | Value £      | 12,105                           | 7,244                               |
| Game ... ..  | "            | 2,549                            | 2,479                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ... ..                                  | Cwts.        | 19,554                           | 40,233                              |
| Lard ... ..  | "            | 46,616                           | 31,073                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>                                    |              |                                  |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..   | Cwts.        | 1,298,700                        | 1,239,000                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..  | "            | 324,200                          | 304,100                             |
| Barley ... ..  | "            | 626,700                          | 660,300                             |
| Oats ... ..  | "            | 369,200                          | 285,700                             |
| Peas ... ..  | "            | 27,620                           | 116,380                             |
| Beans ... ..   | "            | 19,750                           | 4,330                               |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..  | "            | 1,289,500                        | 941,500                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>  |              |                                  |                                     |
| Apples ... ..  | Cwts.        | 150,102                          | 195,347                             |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..  | "            | 28                               | 67                                  |
| Bananas ... ..   | Bunches.     | 97,078                           | 106,427                             |
| Cherries ... ..  | Cwts.        | —                                | —                                   |
| Currants ... ..  | "            | —                                | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..  | "            | —                                | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..  | "            | 77,544                           | 36,294                              |
| Lemons ... ..  | "            | 23,582                           | 6,378                               |
| Oranges ... ..   | "            | 82,440                           | 14,885                              |
| Pears ... ..   | "            | 9,484                            | 8,845                               |
| Plums ... ..   | "            | 289                              | 4,384                               |
| Strawberries ... ..  | "            | —                                | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | "            | 4,067                            | 6,820                               |
| Hay ... ..   | Tons.        | 1,218                            | 2,671                               |
| Straw ... ..   | "            | 589                              | 708                                 |
| Moss Litter ... ..   | "            | 1,141                            | 1,675                               |
| Hops ... ..  | Cwts.        | 7,993                            | 12,665                              |
| Locust Beans ... ..  | "            | 9,200                            | 31,100                              |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>   |              |                                  |                                     |
| Onions ... ..  | Bushels.     | 227,700                          | 181,536                             |
| Potatoes ... ..  | Cwts.        | 877,285                          | 19,388                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..  | "            | 10,848                           | 7,586                               |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | Value £      | 3,456                            | 5,062                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried:—</b>   |              |                                  |                                     |
| Preserved by canning ... ..  | Cwts.        | 8,295                            | 14,355                              |
|  |              | 6,802                            | 5,256                               |

### Bankruptcy.—England and Wales.

Number of Receiving Orders and Administration Orders under Sec. 125 (Deceased Debtors' Estates) of the Act of 1883 gazetted in the undermentioned Principal Trades and Occupations during the periods indicated:—

|  | October.   |            | Ten Months ended 31st Oct. |              |
|--|------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|  | 1907.      | 1906.      | 1907.                      | 1906.        |
| Total gazetted... ..   | No.<br>388 | No.<br>376 | No.<br>3,393               | No.<br>3,713 |
| Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations:—          |            |            |                            |              |
| Builders ... ..  | 24         | 29         | 241                        | 253          |
| Grocers, &c.... ..   | 20         | 26         | 204                        | 275          |
| Publicans and hotel keepers, &c. ... ..                        | 25         | 17         | 191                        | 214          |
| Farmers and graziers ... ..                                    | 18         | 14         | 140                        | 150          |
| Butchers ... ..  | 16         | 7          | 117                        | 112          |
| Decorators, painters, plumbers, &c. ... ..                     | 8          | 13         | 94                         | 100          |
| Bakers ... ..  | 12         | 16         | 91                         | 113          |
| Greengrocers, fruiterers, &c. ... ..                           | 4          | 14         | 84                         | 119          |
| Tailors, &c. ... ..  | 7          | 9          | 79                         | 76           |
| Boot and shoe manufacturers and dealers ... ..                 | 7          | 4          | 78                         | 92           |
| Drapers, haberdashers, &c. ... ..                              | 9          | 14         | 78                         | 81           |
| Coal and coke merchants and dealers ... ..                     | 5          | 8          | 61                         | 67           |
| Fishmongers, poulterers, &c. ... ..                            | 3          | 5          | 52                         | 67           |
| Clerks, commercial and general ... ..                          | 6          | 2          | 43                         | 52           |
| Carriers, carmen, lightermen, and hauliers ... ..              | 7          | 5          | 48                         | 38           |
| Confectioners ... ..   | 1          | 2          | 41                         | 21           |
| Auctioneers ... ..   | 6          | 4          | 86                         | 40           |
| Jewellers, watchmakers, silversmiths, &c. ... ..               | 1          | 2          | 38                         | 35           |
| Agents, commission and general ... ..                          | 5          | 4          | 86                         | 42           |
| Travellers, commercial ... ..                                  | 3          | —          | 34                         | 26           |
| Cab, omnibus and fly proprietors ... ..                        | 2          | 3          | 30                         | 31           |
| Oorn, flour, seed, hay, and straw merchants and dealers ... .. | 4          | 5          | 80                         | 29           |
| Dairymen, cowkeepers, &c. ... ..                               | 6          | 5          | 80                         | 28           |
| General dealers ... ..   | 2          | 4          | 30                         | 27           |
| Furniture dealers and makers ... ..                            | 3          | 5          | 30                         | 35           |
| Merchants, general ... ..                                      | 6          | 2          | 30                         | 21           |
| Bicycle, &c., manufacturers and dealers ... ..                 | 3          | 7          | 29                         | 41           |
| Provision merchants, &c. ... ..                                | 2          | 4          | 27                         | 36           |
| Printers, booksellers, and publishers ... ..                   | 4          | 1          | 27                         | 24           |

• Bankruptcy.—England and Wales—continued.

|  | October. |       | Ten Months ended 31st Oct. |       |
|--|----------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | 1907.    | 1906. | 1907.                      | 1906. |
| Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations—continued. | No.      | No.   | No.                        | No.   |
| Engineers and founders, &c. ... ..                             | 7        | 4     | 27                         | 29    |
| Tobacconists, &c. ... ..                                       | 4        | 2     | 26                         | 35    |
| Carriage, &c., builders ... ..                                 | 4        | 4     | 24                         | 19    |
| Cabinet makers and upholsterers ... ..                         | 8        | 3     | 23                         | 26    |
| Carpenters and joiners ... ..                                  | 7        | 2     | 23                         | 26    |
| Restaurant, coffee and eating-house keepers ...                | 8        | 3     | 23                         | 18    |
| Lodging-house keepers ... ..                                   | 3        | 3     | 23                         | 17    |
| Gardeners, florists, &c. ... ..                                | 2        | 2     | 23                         | 14    |
| Solicitors ... ..  | 4        | 1     | 22                         | 20    |
| Chemists, druggists and chemical manufacturers                 | 1        | 2     | 21                         | 23    |
| Doctors of medicine, physicians, &c. ... ..                    | 3        | 4     | 20                         | 23    |
| Brokers, stock and share ... ..                                | 2        | 1     | 20                         | 18    |
| Ironmongers ... ..   | 4        | 4     | 19                         | 25    |
| Blacksmiths, farriers, &c. ... ..                              | 1        | 4     | 19                         | 21    |
| Stationers ... ..  | 4        | 1     | 19                         | 21    |
| Contractors ... ..   | 2        | 2     | 18                         | 19    |
| Directors and promoters of public companies ...                | 4        | 2     | 18                         | 12    |
| China, glass, and earthenware, &c., dealers ..                 | —        | —     | 18                         | 9     |
| Clothiers, outfitters, &c. ... ..                              | 2        | 6     | 17                         | 27    |
| Saddlers and harness makers ... ..                             | 3        | 2     | 17                         | 17    |
| Wheelwrights ... ..  | 1        | 2     | 17                         | 15    |
| Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses ... ..                      | 2        | 1     | 17                         | 13    |
| Wine and spirit merchants, &c. ... ..                          | 4        | 2     | 17                         | 11    |
| Officers in Army ... ..  | 2        | —     | 15                         | 18    |
| Stone, marble and monumental masons, &c. ...                   | 1        | 2     | 15                         | 16    |
| Cattle and pig dealers ... ..                                  | 1        | —     | 14                         | 15    |
| Architects and surveyors ... ..                                | —        | 2     | 14                         | 14    |
| Milliners, dressmakers, &c. ... ..                             | 1        | 3     | 13                         | 22    |
| Woollen merchants and manufacturers... ..                      | 2        | 3     | 13                         | 21    |
| Hairdressers... ..   | —        | 1     | 12                         | 19    |
| Millers ... ..   | 3        | —     | 12                         | 16    |
| Hosiery, gloves, &c. ... ..                                    | 1        | 2     | 12                         | 15    |
| Timber merchants ... ..  | 3        | 3     | 12                         | 11    |
| Curriers, tanners, and leather merchants ...                   | 1        | 2     | 8                          | 11    |
| Cotton spinners and manufacturers ... ..                       | —        | —     | —                          | 4     |
| Fishing smack owners, and masters ... ..                       | —        | —     | —                          | 3     |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of October, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 3d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first, and 3s. 4d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transhipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the October issue:—State of the Labour Market in September; Labour Disputes and Conciliation and Arbitration Boards in 1906; Proceedings under the Conciliation Act during 1905-7; Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom; Emigration in 1906; Earnings at Corn Harvest; and House Letting in Scotland.

### COLONIAL OFFICE REPORTS.

The following reports have been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

**Annual.—No. 547. Mauritius.**

**Miscellaneous.—No. 44. Report on the Survey Department of the British East Africa Protectorate.**

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\* It can be purchased through any newsagent, price 1d.

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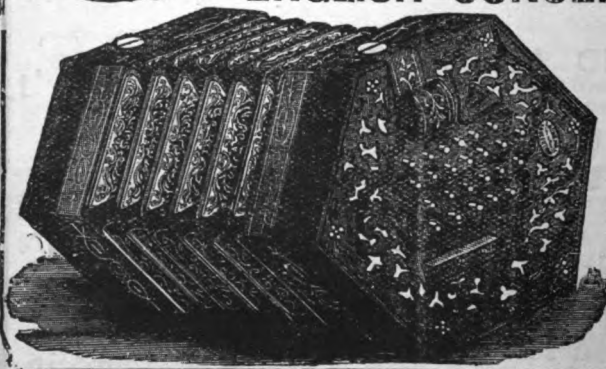
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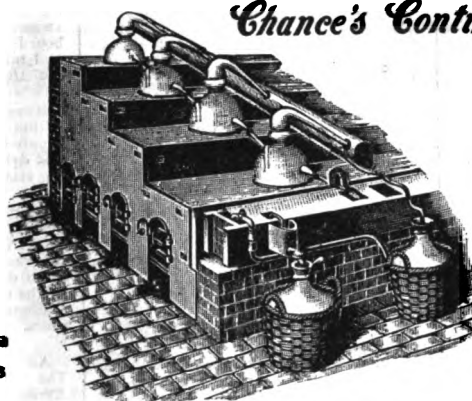
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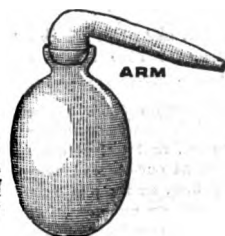
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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. — registered telegraphic address, "Advantage, London," Code—5th Edition A.B.C., telephone number 12807 Central. A statement of the objects and work of the Branch will be found on p. 391.

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## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway are prepared to receive, up to noon on the 26th November, tenders for the supply of pig-iron. Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which,

**Fig-Iron.**

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#### **BRITISH INDIA—continued.**

with specification, can be obtained at the Offices of the Company, Gloucester House, 2, 3 and 4, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., on payment of 21s. (which will not be returned). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The South Indian Railway Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of:—1. General stores, comprising hardware, iron, steel, paints, leather, and indiarubber; 2. Locomotive stores, comprising copper and steel plates, tyres, axles, locomotive duplicate parts, springs, tubes, and buffers; 3. Stationery, comprising paper, envelopes, &c.; and 4. Iron wire fencing, 74 tons.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's offices, 55, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. Tenders, addressed to the Company, and marked "Tender for General Stores," or as the case may be, must be left with the Managing Director not later than noon on the 26th November. The Company are not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. A charge, which will not be returned, will be made of 20s. for each copy of the specification No. 1, and of 10s. for each copy of Nos. 2, 3, and 4. Copies of the drawings may be obtained at the office of Sir George B. Bruce, 3, Victoria Street, Westminster, on payment of 5s. per sheet.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Mahratta Railway Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of (1) 240 tons gas oil, and (2) fencing materials, as per specifications and drawing which may be seen at the offices of the Company, 46, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W. The charge for each specification is one guinea, which will not be returned. Tenders must be sent in addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Gas Oil" or "Fencing Materials," not later than noon on 26th November. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Board of Directors of the Burma Railways Co., Ltd., are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of

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| <b>Copper Ingots,</b>  | (a) copper ingots, (b) carriage wagon tyres.  |
| <b>Tyres, Springs,</b> | (c) spring steel, (d) red and white lead, and |
| <b>&amp;c.</b>         | (e) helical and volute springs.               |

Specifications and forms of tender can be obtained at the Company's offices, 199, Gresham House, London, E.C. For each specification (a) and (b) a charge of 20s., and for (c), (d) and (e) a charge of 10s. will be made, which will not be returned. Tenders enclosed in sealed

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**BRITISH INDIA—continued.**

envelopes and endorsed "Tender for Copper Ingots," or as the case may be, must be delivered before noon on 28th November. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Directors of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of the following stores, viz.:—Steel rails, steel fishing pieces, tie bars, gibs, cotters, &c., helical and volute springs, carriage door handles, hinges, &c., cast-iron sleepers, chairs, &c., steel fish-bolts, nuts and washers, points and crossings, canvases, dressed wagon covers, mild steel angles, tees and flats.

Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's offices, 48, Copthall Avenue, London, E.C., on payment of the fee for the specification, which payment will not be returned. Tenders must be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Steel Rails," or, as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m., on the 28th November. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Commercial Enquiries.****HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A commission agent in London desires to be placed in touch with Canadian packers of bottled fruit, and with the smaller growers of green fruit, with a view to acting as their representative.

A London firm, stated to be large handlers of foreign fruit, desire to receive consignments of apples from Canada.

A London firm are desirous of importing Canadian apples.

Enquiry is made by a firm in London for the names of importers in Canada of spices, drugs, dye stuffs and other produce.

A London firm ask for names of poultry and egg exporters in Canada.

A London firm of import and export merchants wish to be placed in touch with tanners in Canada exporting brown body and other hair.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

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### **CANADA—continued.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

#### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London company ask to be placed in correspondence with Canadian manufacturers of casein.

A manufacturer of materials used by the harness and saddlery trades, and also of various classes of leather gloves, seeks suitable Canadian resident agents.

#### **CANADIAN ENQUIRY.**

A firm in Toronto would be pleased to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of pig iron, also merchant iron and steel and similar goods.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### **QUEENSLAND.**

An application has been received at the Commercial Enquiry Branch of the Office of the Agent-General for Queensland from a London firm of Colonial buyers and shippers who wish to be placed in touch with Queensland firms desirous of appointing buying agents for all classes of goods manufactured in Great Britain. They are also desirous of taking up agencies for Queensland exporters for the sale of **canned fruits, meats, &c.**

Further information may be obtained on application to the Commercial Enquiry Branch of the office of the Agent-General for Queensland, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### **CAPE COLONY.**

The Board of Trade Correspondent at Cape Town (Mr. E. J. Cattell) has forwarded a copy of the agenda of a meeting of the Cape Town Corporation on the 24th October, at which a proposal was adopted by the Council for the construction of a railway to the top of Table Mountain, the concession to be given to an outside body or public company to undertake the same, either with or without the right of providing an hotel. Alternative tenders will be invited for (a) the construction of the railway, (b) the provision of the hotel, or (c) the right both to construct the railway and to provide an hotel in connexion therewith. The concession will be granted for a term of 25 years, with the option reserved to the Council of the right to purchase at the expiration of that period.

**Railway and  
Building  
Construction.**

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**TRANSVAAL.**

The Board of Trade have received from the Agent-General for the Transvaal particulars of a contract for the supply and delivery of timber to the Central South African Railways. Sealed tenders, marked "Tender for Timber," must reach the Agent-General for the Transvaal, 72, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W. not later than noon on 31st December.

Conditions of contract and specification may be obtained at the offices of the Agent-General; copies may be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**EGYPT.**

H.M. Consul at Cairo (Mr. A. D. Alban) has forwarded copies of the specifications and conditions of tender for the supply to the Egyptian Prisons Department of (1) brush materials, and (2) English leather, required during the year 1908. Tenders in each case must be accompanied by a provisional deposit of £E 50. They must be submitted on stamped paper (to be obtained from Lieut-Col. J. H. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.) to the Inspector General of Prisons, Ministry of the Interior, Cairo, before noon on the 21st December.

Samples of the materials required may be seen at the Central Stores, Ministry of the Interior, Cairo.

The conditions and specifications may be consulted by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**NORWAY.**

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Norwegian State Railways have issued a call for tenders\* for the supply of 95,000 springs. Tenders are to be marked "Anbud paa Laskeskruer, Hagebolte og Fjærringe," and should be delivered at Styrelsens for Statsbanernes Expeditionskontor, Christiania, by 3 p.m. on the 6th December.

Copies of the specification, conditions and drawing may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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\* Apart from the usual Customs duties, a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers. In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenderers not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

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### **NORWAY—continued.**

Referring to the notice on p. 202 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 31st October respecting a call for tenders for the supply to the Norwegian State Railways of 4,552 tons of steel rails, H.M. Consul at Christiania now reports that the time limit for the delivery of these tenders has been extended from the 13th November to the 10th January, 1908.

Copies of the conditions, specification and drawings may be inspected by British firms at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

With reference to the notice on p. 297 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 14th November respecting a call for tenders for the supply of cast-iron water pipes and cement drain pipes to the Bergen Board of Water Works and Drains, the British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) has now forwarded a copy of the conditions of tender for the water pipes. These are to be delivered free, duty paid, on quay at Bergen, and tenderers should state the earliest date at which delivery can commence and the whole order be completed. The pipes will be taken from Norwegian—preferably Bergen—firms acting as agents; they are usually supplied from British or German factories.

The supply of the cement drain pipes mentioned in the notice referred to above is confined to Norwegian manufacturers.

### **SWEDEN.**

H.M. Consul at Stockholm (Mr. H. M. Villiers) reports that tenders are invited, and will be received up to the 29th November, for the supply of the following for the Swedish Army:—

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| Cooking Utensils,<br>Table Spoons,<br>Stocking Legs,<br>Woollen Jerseys,<br>and Leather<br>Gloves. | 10,000 cooking utensils of aluminium with hooks.<br>20,000 table spoons of tinned sheet iron.<br>25,000 pairs of stocking legs of wool. |
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20,000 woollen jerseys.

10,000 pairs leather gloves for the infantry, worn over woollen gloves.

5,000 pairs leather gloves for the cavalry, worn over woollen gloves.

Samples of all the above, together with a form of contract and specifications, &c. relating to the cooking utensils, jerseys, and stocking legs, have been received from the Consul, and may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

*Openings for British Trade.***SWEDEN**—*continued.*

H.M. Consul also reports that tenders will be received up to noon on the 6th December next at "Kungl. Fangvardsstyrelsens Arbetsbyra," Stockholm, for the supply of the following materials:—

**Canvas, Linen,  
Jute and Cotton  
Cloth.**

23,500 m. of bleached canvas for provision bags, 0·90 m. wide ;

900 m. of linen for provender bags, 0·95 m. wide ;

10,800 m. double-thread jute-cloth for cartridge bags, 0·60 m. wide ;

5,470 m. brown cotton-cloth for cover for cleaning cloths, 0·56 m. wide ;

6,600 m. unbleached linen-cloth for provision bags, 0·85 m. wide ;

57,300 m. two ply bleached canvas for mattress and padding-covers, 0·60 m. wide ;

49,300 m. unbleached two ply cotton-cloths for sheets, 1·34 m. wide ;

18,000 m. four ply linen-cloth for towels, 0·65 m. wide.

Samples of all the materials required, received from H.M. Consul, may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

**NETHERLANDS.**

H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. A. Churchill) reports that tenders are invited for the supply of various medicaments and goods for the use of the Government Drug Stores at that city. Conditions of tender and specifications may be obtained gratis from the Manager, Sarphatistraat No. 110a, Amsterdam, to whom tenders should be sent not later than the 26th November.

The supplies required comprise:—3,000 kilogs. creolinum, 2,000 kilogs. glycerine, 7,550 kilogs. vaseline, 3,000 kilogs. sugar, 3,000 kilogs. pumice-stone powder, 4,500 kilogs. methylated spirits, 698 kilogs. turpentine oil, 1,800 boxes sticking plaster, 50,000 square metres cotton (plain), 2,000 square metres flannel, 2,500 square metres gutta-percha paper, 2,000 square metres linen, 8,600 sheets cotton wool, 10,200 medicine brushes, 4,200 medicine bottles, 16,000 medicine glasses, 7,900 medicine pots, 14,250 wine bottles, 2,000 pill bottles, &c.

**DENMARK.**

The Acting British Consul at Copenhagen (Mr. C. H. Funch) has forwarded copies of the conditions and specifications relating to a call for tenders for the supply to the Danish State Railways of about 25,000

**Fencing Wire,  
Zinc Cylinders, &c.**

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### **DENMARK—continued.**

kilograms of fencing wire, 20,000 zinc cylinders for electric batteries, 20,000 kilograms of blue vitriol, and 30,000 discs of Morse paper.

Tenders should reach "Direktoren for Baneafdelingen, Gammel Kongevej No. 1 E, Copenhagen," before 3 p.m. on the 27th November.

The conditions, &c., may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Consul at Aarhus (Mr. G. F. Stark) reports that tenders are invited by the Lighting Department of that city for the supply of a turbine, dynamo, &c. (600 h.p.). Tenders will be received up to 10 a.m. on the 30th November at "Belysningsvæsens Kontor," Aarhus, where also conditions of contract may be obtained at a cost of 20 kr. (1l. 2s. 3d.)

Copies of the conditions and specification, together with a plan, may be seen by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### **BELGIUM.**

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" announces that tenders are invited for printing, supply of paper and office utensils for the use of the Provincial Government at Mons, from the 1st of January, 1908, to the 31st of December, 1912. Tenders should be sent in by the 4th of December to "Le Service de l'administration provinciale," Mons, where particulars may be obtained.

The "Moniteur" further announces that the "Société Nationale des chemins de fer vicinaux" invite tenders for the supply of 50 switches and 36 crossings (rails of 31 kilogs.). Tenders by registered post will be received at the offices of the "Société," Rue de la Science 14, Brussels, up to the 26th November, where also the plans and specification may be obtained at a cost of 13.50 francs and 1 franc respectively.

### **FRANCE.**

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. E. R. E. Vicens) reports that the Municipality of Lyons have decided to remodel the machinery of their existing waterworks by replacing the steam-driven pumps in use by centrifugal pumps driven by electric power. The cost of this conversion is estimated at

**Centrifugal  
Pumps and Elec-  
trical Machinery  
for Waterworks.**

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**FRANCE—continued.**

310,000 francs (12,400*l.*), and tenders are invited for the double work—pumps and motors—from constructors of French nationality, to be sent in by the 15th January next. Though, however, the actual contractor must be French, there is a clause in the decree inviting tenders, in which it is stated that there is no reason against two constructors—one for pumps the other for motors—combining for the joint work, provided always that one and one only of the two is responsible for the entire work. There seems therefore no reason, says the Consul, why an English firm should not enter into communication with the principal French houses, for the supply of either pumps or motors, *i.e.*, an English engineering house constructing pumps might supply its goods to a French electrical engineering firm, or an English electrical engineering firm might supply motors to a French maker of pumps. The only condition seems to be, that the person responsible for the whole should be French. The Consul adds that the preliminary papers must be put in by the tenderer by the 1st December next.

A copy of the notice issued by the Municipality may be seen by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Consul has also forwarded a copy of a notice published in the "Municipal Gazette" of Lyons, inviting tenders for the construction of a Destructor for household refuse, the heat generated by which shall be utilized for motive purposes. The amount of refuse to be destroyed is calculated at 400 tons per diem, and the electric energy to be obtained therefrom is to have a tension of about 3,500 volts.

Tenders must be received by the Bureau de Travaux Publics, Hotel de Ville, Lyons, by the 15th January, 1908; but tenderers must put in certificates of their competence for the work not later than 15th December next.

Further particulars are given in the "Gazette," which may be seen on application by British firms interested, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. For details beyond those given in the notice, application should be made to the Service Municipal de la Voirie, Rue Bellecordière, Lyons.

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**FRANCE—ALGERIA.**

The "Dépêche Coloniale" (Paris) of 17th November announces that a Bill has been introduced into the French Chamber authorising the Government of Algeria to contract a loan of 170,354,759 francs, about (6,814,190*l.*), for the execution of various public

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works. From the preamble to the Bill it appears that in 1902 the Assemblées financières d'Algérie desired to raise a loan of 100,000,000 francs, of which 50,000,000 francs were to be expended on railways. Parliament limited the loan to 50,000,000 francs, postponing to a future date the question of the loan for railways. The present project has for its object the realisation of the programme of 1902 by completing the works begun with the old loan (hydraulic and ports works, &c.), and by the development of the railway system by the construction of 941 kilometres of new lines and the improvement of existing ones.

#### **PORTUGAL.**

The "Diario do Governo" of 11th November contains a copy of a decree authorising Antonio Gomes da Silva to transfer the ownership of the gold and antimony mine of Avesada in the "concelho" of Paredes, Porto district, to the "Société Anonyme des Mines d'Antimoine et d'Or de Bengada."

The same "Diario" contains a copy of a further decree authorising the Marquês da Foz, acting on behalf of the firm of Viuva Macieira & Filhos, to transfer the ownership of the antimony mines of Bengada, Banja, Viso, and Costa do Valle do Couto, which are all situated in the "concelho" of Paredes, to the same "Société Anonyme."

#### **PORTUGAL—ST. THOMÉ.**

See notice on p. 378 respecting the cultivation of cocoa in St. Thomé, and the possible extension of the use of fertilisers there.

#### **SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 10th November contains a copy of a Decree authorising a concession for the prolongation of the railway from Valdepeñas á Puertollano as far as Infantes.

The "Gaceta" of 12th November announces that tenders are invited for:—(a) The construction of an international telephone system with France, and for the working of the inter-urban service of the North-East; (b) the construction and working of the North-West inter-urban service; (c) the construction and working of the South-East inter-urban service; (d) the construction and working of the South inter-urban service.

Tenders will be received at the "Registro de la dirección general de correos y telegrafos," Madrid, up to 3rd January, 1908 for (a), 18th December, 1907 for (b), 26th December, 1907 for (c), and

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11th January, 1908 for (d). Deposits of 120,000 pesetas (about 4,211*l.*), 181,675 pesetas (about 6,357*l.*), 144,695 pesetas (about 5,077*l.*), and 150,500 pesetas (about 5,281*l.*) are required to qualify tenders for (a), (b), (c) and (d) respectively. Local representation is necessary.

Further particulars are given in the "Gaceta" which may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### ITALY.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" of 11th November announces that tenders are invited for the installation and illumination by acetylene gas, of the town of Monreale, at the estimated cost of 55,669 lire (about 2,226*l.*) with a reduction of 10,619 lire (about 425*l.*) for certain works already completed.

A deposit of 2,500 lire (about 100*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" of 7th November announces that the "Consiglio dei lavori pubblici" have authorised the construction of a railway from Torrebelticino to Recoaro, which will form an important branch of the railway from Torre to Schio and Arsiero.

The same "Bollettino" announces that Signor ingegniero Francesco Fusco has made an application to the prefecture of Syracuse for a concession for the appropriation of the water power from the river Anapo for industrial purposes.

The same "Bollettino" also announces that Il comm. avv. Luigi Albinelli has made an application to the local prefecture (Modena) for a concession for the appropriation of the water power from the river Secchia for irrigation purposes.

### ITALY-SICILY.

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill) reports that the Municipality of Terrasini, province of Palermo, invite tenders for the laying down of an aqueduct for the bringing into Terrasini of the water from the Piano del Re spring, distant some ten kilometres from Terrasini, and for the works necessary for distributing the water in Terrasini. The works have been estimated to cost 112,169 lire (about 4,500*l.*). A provisional guarantee bond of 7,500 lire (300*l.*) is required; the definite

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#### **ITALY-SICILY—continued.**

guarantee bond will be calculated at one tenth of the price of the contract.

Full particulars may be obtained from Avv. Orlando, No. 33 Via Esposizione, Palermo, or from the Sindaco, Terrasini, to whom communications should be addressed. Tenders will be opened on the 2nd December.

A copy of the form of contract, forwarded by the Consul, may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 78, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Tenders are also invited for the service of public and private lighting in the commune of Caltanissetta by gas for a period of twenty years, including the laying down of gas-pipes and the necessary plant for working the same. A provisional guarantee bond of 10,000 lire (400*l.*) is to be deposited together with 4,000 lire (160*l.*) for expenses, in the Municipal Treasury. The final guarantee required will amount to 25,000 lire (1,000*l.*).

Tenders will be opened on the 25th November by the Sindaco at Caltanissetta, from whom further particulars can be obtained.

With reference to the notice on p. 300 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 15th August last respecting an International Competition for Machinery for the Cultivation of Vineyards, it appears from information since received from H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) that the competition will be held at Palermo, and that the date for the presentation of machines has been deferred to March, 1908. Applications for admission must be addressed to the "Direzione Generale dell'Agricoltura," Rome, and the machines or apparatus for the competition should be sent to the "Società di acclimazione e agricoltura Siciliana," Palermo.

#### **AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

The "Lieferungswesen" of 10th November announces that tenders are invited for the supply of paper in thirteen qualities for three years from 1st March, 1908. Tenders should be sent to the "K. K. Hof — und Staatsdruckerei" in Vienna, before 1st December, where also particulars concerning the different qualities may be obtained.

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) has forwarded a copy of Circular No. 401 of the Isthmian Canal Commission calling for tenders for the supply of one stern-

**Stern-wheel  
Towboat.**

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wheel towboat for use on the Panama Canal. Sealed proposals in triplicate will be received at the office of the General Purchasing Officer, Isthmian Canal Commission, Washington, D.C., up to 10.30 a.m. on the 2nd December, 1907.

A copy of the specification may be seen by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### MEXICO.

The "Diario Oficial" of 24th October contains a copy of a Decree authorising the "Empresa del Ferrocarril Industrial de Puebla" to import, free of duty, the material necessary for the conversion of the line to electric traction.

#### **Electric Railway Plant.**

The same "Diario" also contains notices of applications made to the Mexican Government by various persons for appropriating water from certain rivers for motive power. The following table gives particulars :—

| Applicant.                        | River.                    | State.           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Sr. Manuel Pardo ... ..           | San Diego ... ..          | Coahuila.        |
| Sr. Ignacio Sepálvedar ... ..     | Ameca ... ..              | Jalisco.         |
| Sr. Raoul Bigot ... ..            | Las Balsas ... ..         | Michoacán.       |
| Sr. Miguel Lanz Duret ... ..      | Grande de Atoyac ... ..   | Guerrero.        |
| Sr. Manuel Macías ... ..          | Abra de Caballeros ... .. | San Luis Potosí. |
| El Ayuntamiento de Sabinas ... .. | Sabinas ... ..            | Coahuila.        |
| Sr. José N. Macías ... ..         | Duerro ... ..             | Michoacán.       |

### BRAZIL.

H.M. Consul at Santos (Mr. R. Casement, C.M.G.) writes in his report for the year 1906 :—

"The import trade in cheese is largely on the increase, and is chiefly in Dutch and Italian hands. Fairly good cheeses are made in Brazil, but the imported varieties are in more general use, I fancy. There is room here for British competition.

#### **Cheese.**

"An attempt was made some time ago to establish a cold storage supply with consignments of game and fresh food to be brought from the Argentine Republic, but this effort fell through owing, it is said, to Customs difficulties. The meat supplies in Santos are not good, and it is probable that a second attempt of this kind might prove a successful enterprise.

#### **Cold Storage for Meat, &c.**

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#### **BRAZIL**—*continued.*

"Despite almost prohibitive duties, malted liquors are imported to a very considerable extent, and in this item Santos shows the most remarkable increase of any port in Brazil for 1906. . . .

**Beers and Malted Liquors.**

"Cement was imported at Santos to a value of 758,553 milreis in 1905 (as against 1,170,284 milreis in 1904) and 1,476,570 milreis in 1906.

**Cement.**

"The import trade in this article is now almost solely a German one, and the amount used is likely to greatly increase.

"A new company was registered in the beginning of 1907 under the name of the "Fabrica de Cimento Italo-Braziliera" with the object of manufacturing cement in the town of Rodovalho, in the interior of the State of São Paulo. The headquarters of the company are to be in the city of São Paulo with a capital of 800,000 milreis.

"Port and harbour works, railway extension and building generally are all matters of certain and speedy development in a rich and prosperous community; and while Italy will largely supply the labourers needed, it is likely that Germany and the United States, and possibly Belgium, will furnish much of the material, unless British enterprise should prove itself equally alert in this growing field."

**Material for Port and Harbour Works, Railway Extension, Building, &c.**

The United States Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro in a recent report called attention to the fact that there is a demand there for meat machinery. He says that the development of the sausage-making industry is going on rapidly and the use of meat waste is more general. Practically all the work is done in small establishments and largely by hand. There are no supply houses dealing in machinery and appliances peculiar to the meat trade. What machinery is now sold is either handled in connexion with a general line or is imported direct by the manufacturer.

Commenting on the foregoing report, the "Brazilian Review" remarks that at present the sausage as understood in England is not manufactured in Rio at all, and suggests that British manufacturers might do worse than start sausage making in Brazil, as the Brazilians have a taste for this delicacy, which might be easily fostered if properly catered for.

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**ARGENTINA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 599 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th September, respecting a  
**Steamboats:** decree authorising the establishment of a line  
**A Correction.** of steamboats on the Rio Negro, it should be noted that the decree in question refers only to the establishment of a ferry.

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**EXHIBITIONS.****FRANCE.**

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. E. Vicars) has forwarded particulars of an International Exhibition of electrical machinery and apparatus used in agriculture and industry, to be held at Lyons from the 1st to 30th June, 1908, under the auspices of the Society of Agriculture, Science, and Industries of that city. Applications for space should reach the Offices of the Society, 30, Quai St. Antoine, Lyons, before 15th February next.

Copies of the regulations, plan of the exhibition, and form of application for space, forwarded by H.M. Consul, may be obtained by intending British exhibitors at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

With reference to the notice on p. 258 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 7th November respecting the  
**International** Marseilles International Electrical Exhibition,  
**Electrical Exhibi-** the Board of Trade are informed by M. Jauffret,  
**tion at Marseilles.** the representative in the United Kingdom of the exhibition in question, that full particulars will be supplied by him to intending exhibitors at his offices at 77, Fleet Street, E.C.

H.M. Consul at Calais (Mr. C. A. Payton) has forwarded a copy of the prospectus and plan of an International  
**International** Exhibition of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture  
**Exhibition at** and Art, to be held at Calais from the 19th April  
**Calais in 1908.** to the 4th October, 1908. Applications for space should be addressed to the Director General of the Exhibition, Boulevard Jacquard, Calais.

The prospectus and plan may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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### COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Commercial Information Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee to the Board of Trade on Commercial Intelligence was held on the 20th November at the offices of the Board of Trade in Whitehall Gardens, at 2.30 p.m., Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B., being in the chair. There were also present:—Sir F. Forbes Adam, C.I.E., Sir Hugh Bell, Bart., Mr. C. A. Harris, C.B., C.M.G., Sir T. W. Holderness, K.C.S.I., Mr. Algernon Law, Mr. D. A. Thomas, M.P., Mr. R. Thompson, Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G., and Mr. U. F. Wintour (Secretary). Mr. T. Worthington, Principal of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, also attended the meeting.

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### CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.

A meeting of the General Advisory Committee was held on the 14th November, at the offices of the Board of Trade. Those present were:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (in the Chair), The Right Hon. Lord Avebury, Sir Hugh Bell, Bart., Sir Robert Giffen, K.C.B., Professor S. J. Chapman, Mr. Sidney Webb, Mr. M. Delevingne, of the Home Office, Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G., Mr. H. W. Macrosty, and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (Acting Secretary).

A meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Cotton and Linen Trades was held on the 18th November at the Offices of the Board of Trade. Those present were:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (presiding); Mr. C. W. Macara; Mr. F. A. Hargreaves; Mr. H. Higson; Mr. J. Smethurst; Mr. J. Taylor; Mr. E. Travis; Professor S. J. Chapman; Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G.; Mr. H. W. Macrosty; and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (Acting Secretary).

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### BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

**Bulgaria.**—H.M. Vice-Consul at Sofia (Mr. G. O'B. Toulmin) reports that while the new Bulgarian tariff, which was introduced in order to increase the revenue and foster native industries, has undoubtedly increased the cost of living throughout the country, the rise in the retail prices of many categories of goods in consequence of the heavy increase of duties has not had the effect which was generally predicted, viz., that consumption would largely fall off. A decade ago the Bulgarian, rather than pay a high price, would have gone without; but at the present time there is a noticeable tendency, more especially among the townsfolk, to buy goods of a better quality, and even articles which a few years ago would have been reckoned as luxuries. The new tariff, he says, should prove beneficial rather than detrimental to some classes of British trade, for, duty being now charged on the

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weight and not on the value, a better class of goods is being gradually introduced into the country, and British wares, which are generally more expensive in quality, and recognised as better than foreign, are imported at the same rate as those which are cheaper and inferior.

Judging from the Bulgarian statistics for 1906, the new tariff, while favouring the importation of hardware, cutlery, machinery, &c., would appear to have an adverse effect on the importation of woollen goods, boots and shoes, sole leather and leather for uppers, ready-made clothes, linen, hats and furniture. A serious obstacle to the development of foreign trade with Bulgaria must be noted in the numerous cases of mis-classification of imported goods which have occurred since the enforcement of the higher Customs duties. The Bulgarian Custom-house official appears unable to discriminate between ordinary goods and those of a better quality, and when in doubt about any article he invariably taxes it according to the higher rate. The importer, dissatisfied with this arbitrary procedure, after appealing—generally ineffectually—to the Ministry of Finance, has recourse to the diplomatic representative of the exporting country, and redress is obtained only after endless worry and delay. The intervention of His Majesty's Consulate-General has on numerous occasions been solicited by importers of British textile goods, laundry soaps, &c., and the majority of these questions have been settled to the latter's satisfaction; but in other cases, such as coverings for merchandise, iron bedsteads, &c., it has been found impossible to convince the officials in the customs section of the Bulgarian Ministry of Finance of the justness of the importers' claims.

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#### CHEMICAL MANURE TRADE OF EGYPT.

The following particulars of the chemical manure trade of Egypt are extracted from the October issue of the "Journal of the British Chamber of Commerce" of Egypt:—

A trade in Egypt which has been increasing by leaps and bounds during the past three or four years, and which will undoubtedly continue to do so for some time to come, is that of artificial fertilisers. Statistics, which have been prepared from the Custom House returns, show that in 1902 the total imports of chemical manures were 2,000 metric tons, valued at £E 13,000, whilst in 1906 the figures were nearly 13,000 metric tons, valued at over £E 122,000. For the first nine months of 1907 the deliveries amounted to 7,579 metric tons, valued at £E 76,907.

The following table shows the quantity and value of the imports of chemical manures into Egypt from the various countries during each of the last three years:—

*Chemical Manure Trade of Egypt.***Imports of Chemical Manures.**

|                    | 1904.        |        | 1905.        |        | 1906.        |         |
|--------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|---------|
|                    | Quantity.    | Value. | Quantity.    | Value. | Quantity.    | Value.  |
|                    | Metric Tons. | £E.    | Metric Tons. | £E.    | Metric Tons. | £E.     |
| United Kingdom ... | 1,401        | 7,190  | 323          | 4,136  | 1,811        | 17,959  |
| Belgium ...        | 2,715        | 15,081 | 5,707        | 51,000 | 8,063        | 76,259  |
| France ...         | 27           | 168    | 123          | 1,128  | 53           | 683     |
| Italy ...          | 42           | 396    | 34           | 390    | —            | —       |
| Germany ...        | 586          | 5,560  | 17           | 147    | —            | —       |
| America ...        | 20           | 230    | —            | —      | 2,798        | 27,859  |
| Total ...          | 4,791        | 28,625 | 6,204        | 56,801 | 12,725       | 122,709 |

Apart from the influence of the Assouan Dam and other irrigation works in largely increasing the area of cultivable land, and so causing a bigger demand for manures, the main reason for the recent rapid growth in the trade is the fact that the native is now endeavouring to grow cotton once every two years instead of once in three, and, consequently, finds that he must return something to the land which will replace the nourishment taken out of it by the cotton.

Prior to the introduction of artificial fertilisers, the credit for which is due almost entirely to the Khedivial Agricultural Society, the native mainly depended upon "Sabakh," that is to say, the remains of old buildings, villages and cemeteries for his manure. Such remains—generally in the form of small hills—were found all over the Delta, but they are gradually becoming appreciably scarcer, or too far away from the scenes of cultivation. Other native manures are river and canal mud and stable refuse, but these, together with "Sabakh," are totally insufficient to meet the requirements of the country, and it is considered, therefore, that chemical manure imports are likely to still further develop.

For cotton, the native usually puts on each feddan (a little more than an acre) 200 kilos. of superphosphates and from 80 to 90 kilos. of nitrogenous fertilisers, of which about two-thirds are nitrate of soda and one-third sulphate of ammonia. Manures in these proportions will cost about 180 piastres (Turkish) to 185 piastres (1*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* to 1*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*) delivered to any railway station in Lower Egypt.

For wheat, the cultivator uses from 90 to 100 kilos. of nitrate of soda per feddan. He can obtain this delivered to any station in Lower Egypt from 115 piastres (Turkish) to 120 piastres (1*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.* to 1*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*) per feddan.

The prices of chemical manures vary considerably from time to time, but the following may be taken as average rates :—

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Nitrate of soda, 12*l.* 10*s.* per ton, c.i.f. Alexandria.

Sulphate of ammonia, 13*l.* to 13*l.* 5*s.* per ton, c.i.f. Alexandria.

Superphosphates, 3*l.* 2*s.* to 3*l.* 6*s.* per ton, c.i.f. Alexandria.

The above prices include the packing of the manures in double sacks.

The quality of superphosphates imported is that containing from 16 to 18 per cent. of phosphoric acid water and citrate soluble.

Owing to the very small Egyptian demand prior to last year, it was found cheaper and more convenient to bring the nitrate of soda from Chili to Belgium and then tranship to Alexandria according to requirements. This largely accounts for the fact that in 1905 Belgium had practically the whole of the Egyptian trade. In 1906, the sales having increased so enormously, the Khedivial Agricultural Society of Cairo chartered two vessels and brought full cargoes (besides having part cargoes on other ships) direct from Chili to Alexandria, and the same process is being repeated this year.

Belgium is the principal source of supply for superphosphates, the manures being actually prepared in that country. Glasgow also ships a few superphosphates, but Antwerp does nearly the whole of the trade.

In the case of sulphate of ammonia, the main port of shipment is Glasgow, after which comes Antwerp.

Practically the only manures manufactured in Egypt are those turned out by a Cairo company, such as "poudrette" and other sewage products. The company also work up various slaughterhouse products, such as dried blood, powdered hoof and horn and ground bones. When these were first put on the market some years ago, the company had great difficulty in selling them, as the native did not appreciate the value of artificial manures, and moreover, was not in a good enough financial position to incur the necessary expense. These difficulties, however, have now been overcome, owing to the work done by the Khedivial Agricultural Society in educating the natives in the use of fertilisers, and also to the fact that the fellaheen can now afford to pay for the same. The Khedivial Agricultural Society has interested itself in the distribution of chemical manures during the past six or seven years. With the object of assisting the Society in this work, the Government between September and December, 1906, lent them 100,000*l.* at 2 per cent. per annum interest.

Speaking on the above matter in his report for the year 1906, Lord Cromer said that the whole of the 100,000*l.* "was employed and reimbursed to the Society, which was thus in a position to repay the Government. In view of the large amount of money required in the future, the Government has informed the Society that it is unable to advance further sums. The question thus becomes one of ordinary commerce. So long as the Government advanced money to the Society at a low rate of interest, and the Society distributed manure at a profit of only 2 per cent., it was

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obviously impossible for commercial enterprise to enter into competition with the Society. In future the Society will not be able to carry on the whole of this work as in the past. Commerce will, it is hoped, gradually replace the Society, and, by selling at a reasonable price, will induce cultivators to obtain their supplies through this channel."

The imports of chemical manures are allowed into the country duty free, and special reduced rates are in force on the State Railways for carriage into the interior. It will thus be seen that the Government is encouraging the native, as far as possible, to use chemical manures.

There is no monopoly for the import of artificial fertilisers, and any manufacturer or merchant is thus able to engage in the trade.

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**CRISIS IN SICILIAN SULPHUR INDUSTRY.**

With reference to the notice on p. 606 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th September and previous notices, respecting the crisis in the Sicilian sulphur industry, H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) now reports that the Mineral Credit Bank has been established with a capital of 2,000,000 lire provided by the Government. If this amount is already absorbed in advances, it will have to be deposited with the Credit Bank as the advances are repaid. In addition to this the Mineral Credit Bank is to call on the Bank of Sicily for 2,000,000 lire.

Regarding commercial operations, Mr. Churchill says that the sales hitherto have not been proceeding freely owing to American competition. Negotiations with the American producers being unsuccessful, the Sicilian Association determined to fight the Americans in the United States, and with this end in view a first cargo of 3,000 tons was sent over, it being understood that more was to follow. The Union Sulphur Company\* retaliated by moving the American authorities to apply the Sherman Act against Trusts in the case of the exportation to America of Sicilian sulphur claiming that the trust in Sicilian sulphur was directed against American enterprise. The Bureau of Corporations has, however, according to the "Ora," decided that this Act cannot apply, but that Article 73† of the Law of August, 1904, may be invoked.

Mr. Churchill also reports that the draft of the Statutes of the Consorzio has not yet received the approval of the Government, nor have the regulations of the Mineral Credit Bank been sanctioned. A copy of the Statutes of this bank, together with two price lists for sulphur issued by the Consorzio Obligatorio, forwarded by the Consul, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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\* An article on the Sulphur Mines of Louisiana, which are controlled by the Union Sulphur Company, appeared on pp. 316-8 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal."

† This refers to the raising of prices, whilst the Sicilian combination is desirous of selling below rates established by the Union Sulphur Company.

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

According to information furnished to the Board of Trade by the Officer-in-Charge of the Australian Commonwealth Offices in London, the following items in the new Customs Tariff, now under consideration by the Commonwealth House of Representatives, have been amended so as to read as in the annexed table:—

| Articles.  | Tariff Item.                             | General Tariff.        | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--|--|------------------------|---|
| † Embroidery, woven sashes and collars,<br><i>ad val.</i> ... ..   | 106 or<br>107<br>(according to material) | 40 %<br>35 %           | 35 %<br>30 %  |
| Salt, gypsum and manure bags. Deleted from item 114 and dutiable under ...   | 113                                      | 15 %*                  | 15 %*   |
| Blankets (except of rubber); blanketing, flannel, including Domett containing wool rugs, n.e.i., including buggy rugs or aprons and rugging ... ..             | 115                                      | 25 %*                  | 20 %*   |
| Carpets, carpeting, floor cloths, floor and carriage mats of any material, except coir ... ..  | 116                                      | 20 %*                  | 15 %*   |
| Coir mats and matting, fenders ... ..  | 117                                      | 25 %                   | 25 %  |
| Gloves—  |  |                        |   |
| (a) Men's gloves of all kinds and materials ... ..   | 121                                      | 30 %†                  | 20 %†   |
| (b) Gloves, n.e.i., of all kinds and materials, including mittens ...  |  |                        |   |
| Hats, caps, and bonnets—   |  |                        |   |
| (a) Wool and felt hats in any stage of manufacture ... per doz.  | 122                                      | 16s.†                  | 12s.†   |
| (b) Fur and felt hats in any stage of manufacture ... per doz.   |  | 25s.†                  | 20s.†   |
| (c) Firemen's helmets and miners' hats ... ..  |  | Free                   | Free  |
| (d) Hats, caps, and bonnets of all descriptions and materials, n.e.i., including forms for pull-over hoods, shapes and frames, not elsewhere included § ... .. |  | 35 %†                  | 30 %†   |
| Piece-goods—   |  |                        |   |
| (a) Woollen, or containing wool, and rubbered waterproof cloth of any material ... ..  | 124                                      | <i>ad val.</i><br>30 % | <i>ad val.</i><br>25 %  |
| (b) Denims-striped and fancy—<br>Item deleted and duty charged under Item 124E.  |  |                        |   |

\* With effect from 8th November, 1907.

† Revised decision.

§ The words "not elsewhere included" after the word "frames" applies to all articles following the word "including" in this sub-item d.

|| With effect from 13th November, 1907.

† With effect from 14th November, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Articles.  | Tariff Item.  | General Tariff.  | Tariff on goods the produce of manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--|---------------|------------------|---|
| Woollen, or containing wool, viz., women's and children's dress goods, not weighing over 5 ozs. per square yard ... ..   | New Sub-item. | 15 %             | 10 %  |
| (d) Velvets, velveteens, plushes, sealette and cloths imitating furs, astrachans, ribbons, galloons, not being bindings, lace for attire, lace flouncings, millinery and dress nets, embroideries in the piece, Italians containing wool, tucked linens and cottons, boxed robes, when not shaped or sewn ... .. |               |                  |   |
| (e) Cotton, linen, oil baize, leather cloth, dungaree, denims, moleskins, and corduroys ... ..   | 124           | 20 %             | 15 %  |
| Jute and jute piece-goods (see item 131) ... ..  |               | 5 % †            | Free †  |
| (f) Piece-goods, n.e.l., other than of wool or silk, suitable for human apparel or to be worn in connection with the human body, having on one or both sides a teased, combed, fluffed, or raised nap, or surface in imitation or resembling flannel in feel or appearance ... ..                                |               | Free †           | Free †  |
| Waddings and cotton wool ... ..  | 125           | 10 % †<br>Free † | 5 % †<br>Free †   |
| Horse-hair cloth and cloth of horse-hair and cotton, or horse-hair and wool combined; hop-cloth; filter cloth for mines; camel-hair cloth for pressing crushed copra ... ..  | 123           | Free †           | Free †  |
| Hessians and brattice cloth; jute piece-goods and bookbinders' cloth ... ..  | 131           | Free †           | Free †  |
| Socks and stockings of all kinds for human attire ... ..   | 133           | 25 % †           | 20 % †  |
| [Items 134 and 135 (cotton and silk socks and stockings) have been deleted]  |               |                  |   |
| Bayonets, swords, scabbards and attachments, waist belts; cross belts, medallions, and all accoutrements; buttons, braid, and lace for naval, military and militia uniforms, may be delivered free under departmental bye-laws ... ..  | 138           | Free †           | Free †  |
| Wigs; hair-nets; and articles of natural or imitation hair ... ..  | 140           | 20 % †           | 20 % †  |
| Arms, viz. :—  |               |                  |   |
| (a) Double-barrelled guns and rifles ... ..  | 142           | 15 % ¶           | 10 % ¶  |
| (b) Single " " " " ... ..  |               |                  |   |

|| With effect from 13th November, 1907.

† With effect from 14th November, 1907.

¶ With effect from 15th November, 1907.

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| Articles.   | Tariff Item. | General Tariff.                         | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|---|--------------|---|---|
| <i>Arms—contd.</i>  |              |   |   |
| (c) Revolvers, pistols, saloon and pea rifles, and air guns and pistols ...   | 142          | 2s. 9d. each or 20% whichever is higher | 2s. 3d. each or 15% whichever is higher                           |
| (d) Barrels or actions other—   |              |   |   |
| (1) For double-barrelled guns ...   |              | 15 %                                    | 10 %  |
| (2) " single ...  |              |   |   |
| Lamps and lampware, viz. :—   |              |   |   |
| (a) The words "Arc lamps and accessories and incandescent lamps and bulbs" were deleted, and "Arc and incandescent lamps" placed in a separate category at ...  | 144          | 5 %                                     | Free  |
| It was decided that "Arc lamp accessories" should not come under item 180 (electrical materials) but should be charged under item 179 B (electrical and gas appliances, n.e.i.) ...   |              | 17½ %                                   | 12½ %   |
| The rates for item 144 A are otherwise unchanged, viz. :—   |              | 25 %                                    | 15 %  |
| (b) Lamps, n.e.i., including one chimney, shade and globe or other article imported and used as an integral part thereof and lampware, n.e.i. (but not the columns of street lamps); metal reflectors and shades  |              | 25 %                                    | 15 %  |
| (c) Lamp and gas stoves for heating and cooking ...   |              | 20 %                                    | 20 %  |
| Electrical cooking and heating apparatus is removed to item 178 ...   |              | 20 %                                    | 20 %  |
| (d) Incandescent mantles ...  |              | 25 %                                    | 15 %  |
| Miners' safety lamps ...  | 145          | Free                                    | Free  |
| Sheet lead and lead piping ...  | 146          | Free                                    | Free  |
| Cutlery ...   | 156          | 20 %                                    | 15 %  |
| [The word "clippers" is omitted from this item, which is otherwise unaltered. "Clippers" are to be admitted free, as tools of trade.]   |              |   |   |
| Machinery and parts thereof, viz. :—  |              |   |   |
| Steam engine indicators and recorders; patent porcelain steel rollers for flour mills; typewriters, including covers; zinc refining retorts; fire engines; stitching machines; sewing machines, including cabinets and covers; button hole punching and sewing machines; darning machines; straw envelope making machines ... | 165          | Free                                    | Free  |
| [Roll shells are omitted from this item and are charged under item 171] (manufactures of metals, n.e.i.).   |              |   |   |

¶ With effect from 15th November, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH**—*continued.*

| Articles.   | Tariff Items. | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---|
| A new item is inserted after item 165 and reads as follows—   |               |                 |   |
| Machinery, not including motive power, engine combination or power connections, if any, namely, Government drafting machines, jewellers' polishing lathes, knitting, linotype, monotype, monoline and other type-composing machines, printing machines and presses, and machinery used exclusively for and in the actual process of electrotyping and stereotyping, aluminium rotary graining machines ... .. | New item      | Free.†          | Free.†  |
| Mixed metal ware and plated ware, n.e.i. ... ..   | 170           | 25 %¶           | 20 %¶   |
| Brass work and gun metal work for general engineering and plumbing and other trades ... ..  | 173           | 30 %¶           | 25 %¶   |
| Cylinders for anhydrous ammonia and for gas ... ..  | 199           | Free.¶          | Free.¶  |
| Eyelets and eyelet studs ... ..   | 201           | Free.¶          | Free.¶  |
| Locks, including knobs, keys, escutcheons and transome catches ... ..<br>[Staples are deleted from this item and charged under item 159b.]  | 205           | 5 %             | Free.   |
| Printers' materials, viz. :—  |               |                 |   |
| Circles, clumps, curves, knives (paring), rules, leads ... ..   | 209           | 5 %             | Free.   |
| (Slugs are deleted from this item and charged under item 174).  |               |                 |   |
| Saddlers' and harness makers' materials, viz.—  |               |                 |   |
| Saddlers' tacks (not cut) and nails, snaps (harness and halter), spurs not being partly or wholly of gold or silver or gold or silver plated, and spur boxes ... ..   | 211           | 5 %             | Free.   |
| Standards, steel fencing of all lengths and pillars; wedgers, patent, for droppers and standards  | 216           | 5 %             | Free.   |
| Wedgers, patent, for droppers and standards ... ..  | 224           | Item deleted.   | See item 216.   |
| Wire, n.e.i. ... ..   | 226           | Free ¶          | Free ¶  |

† With effect from 8th August, 1907.

¶ With effect from 15th November, 1907.

*Note.*—The following items have been passed unaltered :—118, 119, 120a, 123, 124c, 126, 127, 129, 130, 132, 136, 137, 139, 141, 142c, f and g, 157, 158, 163, 169, 175, 188, 189, 191, 192, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 202, 203, 204, 206, 207, 208, 212, 214, 215, 217, 218, 219, 220, 222, 223, 227 and 228.

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#### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH**—*continued.*

The Board of Trade have received copies of the following Orders, &c., which have been issued under the Commonwealth Customs and Commerce Acts:—

##### **ORDER No. 980.**

It is laid down in this Order of 2nd September last that un-manufactured tobacco may be repacked in bond into packages of not less than 20 lbs.

##### **Repacking of Unmanufactured Tobacco.**

##### **ORDER No. 984.**

It is stated in this Order, dated 19th September last, that oil is imported in casks to be blended for export. Duty is paid on the oil and separately on the casks. The Government state that the same casks are subsequently filled with the blended oil and are exported under drawback. In such cases, drawback of duty paid on the oils and on the casks may be allowed under the conditions imposed by the Customs Regulation No. 135.

##### **Drawback on Oil, &c.**

##### **ORDER No. 987.**

This Order, dated 4th October last, states that socks and stockings are being imported with the word "Llama" marked thereon.

##### **Marking of Socks and Stockings.**

If the goods are not really "Llama," the word must be removed, or else qualified with the word "imitation."

##### **ORDER No. 987A.**

It is stated in this Order, dated 7th October, that essences which purport to be made from fruit, &c., and which are synthetic preparations only (e.g., essence of pineapple not made from such fruit) are not to be admitted into the Commonwealth without qualification as to name. The additional word "artificial" must be placed before the name of such preparations.

##### **Marking of Essences.**

##### **CIRCULAR 786.**

This Circular, dated 11th October last, relates to the export of classified goods, certificate numbers on butter boxes, and the marking of short weights on butter boxes, &c.

#### **DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of the "New Zealand Tariff Act, 1907" (No. 15 of 1907) which was assented to on 25th September last.

##### **Tariff Act of 1907 passed.**

The full text of the new Act, together with the rates of duty previously in force, is published as a Supplement to this week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal."

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### **SOUTH AFRICA.**

The "Transvaal Government Gazette" for 11th October last contains a Customs Notice (No. 724 of 1907), stating that the following Tariff decision has been agreed upon by the principal Officers of the Customs to the Union :—

| Article.        | Tariff No. | Rate of Duty.    | Rebate allowed upon Goods the manufacture of the United Kingdom and reciprocating Colonies. |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|---|
| Semolina ... .. | 17(a)½     | 2/6 per 100 lbs. | 3d. per 100 lbs.  |

#### **ORANGE RIVER COLONY.**

A copy of the "Explosives Ordinance, 1907" (No. 19 of 1907) has been received, which regulates the law relating to the transport, purchase, sale and storage of explosives in the Orange River Colony.

##### **Regulations under the Explosives Ordinance, 1907.**

A Government Notice (No. 382 of 1907) dated 10th October, 1907, has been published for general information in the "Government Gazette" for 11th October last, laying down the Regulations which have been framed under sections 2 and 20 of the above Ordinance respecting the packing, transport and storage of explosives in the Colony.

The Ordinance and regulations thereunder may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### **BARBADOS.**

A copy of an Act (No. 41 of 1907), dated 30th July last, has been received notifying that the following articles may be imported free of duty into Barbados :—

"All articles especially imported by the Vestry of the Parish of St. Michael for the use of the Queen's House and Grounds, and for the conversion of the latter into a public park on the certificate to that effect of the Churchwarden of the said parish.

#### **FRANCE—SERVIA.**

The French "Journal Officiel" for the 10th November contains a Presidential Decree promulgating in France the Convention of Commerce and Navigation between France and Servia of the 23rd December 1906/5th January, 1907, the ratifications of which were exchanged at Belgrade on the 12th October.

##### **Ratification of the Commercial Convention between the above Countries.**

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

The reductions of the Servian tariff rates of duty resulting from the conclusion of this Convention were noted in the issues of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 14th and 21st March last; whilst the Treaty rates have been incorporated in the Translation of the Customs Tariff of Servia recently issued by the Board of Trade as a Parliamentary Paper.

#### SWITZERLAND.

The following decisions respecting the application of the Customs Tariff of Switzerland have recently been issued by the Swiss Customs Department:—

##### Customs Decisions.

*Cotton yarn made up for retail sale.*—

Paragraph (c) of the note to Tariff No. 359\* is deleted, and superseded by the following:—

Are to be considered as made up for retail sale:

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(c) All imitation Vicuna yarns of four or more strands, in leas (*échevettes*) weighing up to 150 grammes, with or without subdivisions, as also those in skeins with subdivisions weighing 150 grammes or less each, whether the dividing thread be knotted on each lea, or whether it be continuous, passing simply between the leas.

Also the following:—

| Articles.                                   | Tariff No.<br>under which<br>dutable. | Rate of Duty.   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Building stones, of glass ... ..            | 691-693                               | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 5px;">{</div> <div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">frs. cts.</div> <div>Various rates</div> <div>according to</div> <div>kind.</div> </div> </div> |
| Boot sole protectors of malleable iron ...  | 776                                   | 100 kilogs. 13 00   |
| Benzine locomotives ... ..                  | 883                                   | " 10 00   |
| Carbonate of lime obtained by precipitation | 974b                                  | " 10 00   |

\* See the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 30th May, 1907, p. 419.

#### BULGARIA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the importation into Bulgaria of black caviar and of all kinds of fresh, salted, or smoked fish, is permitted from non-infected Russian districts and ports, on the production of a certificate indicating their place of origin, and the place and date of embarkation.

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#### **COSTA RICA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy and translation of a Costa Rican Decree, dated 8th October, 1907, fixing the rates of import duty on revolvers, revolver cartridges, &c., as follows :—

| Article.                       | In Colones.              | In English Currency. |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                                | <i>Each.</i>             | <i>Each.</i>         |
| Revolvers ... ..               | 3-00                     | 5s. 9d.              |
|                                | <i>Per kilog. gross.</i> | <i>Per lb.</i>       |
| Revolver cartridges ... ..     | 2-50                     | 2s. 2 1/4d.          |
| Saloon rifle cartridges ... .. | 2-00                     | 1s. 8-9d.            |

#### **COLOMBIA.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of a Decree of the President of Colombia imposing an export duty on straw for the manufacture of "Panamá" hats (*paja toquilla*) at the rate of 75 centavos (gold) per kilogramme.

## **SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.**

#### **RUSSIA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 275 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 9th August, 1906 respecting the Orenburg-Tashkent railway, H.M. Embassy at St. Petersburg reports the publication in the "Official Messenger" of a statement to the effect that the Ministry of Ways and Communications has placed the sum of 1,300,000 roubles (137,000*l.*) on the estimates of extraordinary expenditure for 1908 for the construction of the southern portion of this railway.

With reference to the notice on p. 177 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25th April relating to the construction of the Kherson-Nicolaiev Railway, the Acting British Vice-Consul at Nicolaiev (Mr. J. A. Waite) now reports that the railway was opened for regular traffic on 29th October.

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**BRAZIL.**

**Development of Shipping Trade at Santos.** H.M. Consul at Santos (Mr. R. Casement, C.M.G.) reports that the shipping entering that port is largely increasing and that the increase would appear to be general although British and German vessels have a considerable lead. The port is now the easiest of access in Brazil, and the quay accommodation second, in all South America, only to Buenos Ayres. With the early completion of the quays, a length of close upon  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles of quay wall, served by railways and with warehouses in touch, with deep water alongside will shortly be open for vessels. Everything points to a considerable development of Santos trade in the near future, and the absence of sufficient or suitable warehouses for the storage of coffee is being met by the erection of large warehouses.

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**ARGENTINA.**

**New ss. Service between New York and Buenos Ayres via Brazil.** H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross) reports that a monthly service of fast steamers has been arranged by Messrs. Lamport & Holt to carry passengers and cargo between New York and Buenos Ayres *via* Brazil. The ships employed upon this service will be of the "V" type, of which the Company possess three. This will not interfere with the already existing monthly service of cargo vessels from New York direct to Buenos Ayres, returning *via* Brazil, and of passenger vessels from New York to Brazil, but will provide a direct passenger service between New York and Buenos Ayres.

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**JAPAN.**

**Harbour Works at Kobe.** With reference to the notice on p. 132 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 17th October, and previous notices, respecting projected harbour works at Kobe, H.M. Consul at that port (Mr. H. Bonar) has forwarded a copy of a booklet, published by the Bureau of Construction of the Japanese Finance Department, dealing with the works now under construction there. This booklet, which contains a plan of the harbour at Kobe, may be seen on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### CANADA.

Persons desiring a copy of the Annual Report upon "Mining Operations in the Province of Quebec for the year 1906," published by the Department of Colonisation, Mines and Fisheries at Quebec, can obtain same upon application to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### GREECE.

H.M. Legation at Athens has forwarded the following figures showing the production of ore and metals in Greece for the years 1905 and 1906, extracted from a report recently published by the Greek Government:—

|                             | 1905.     |         | 1906.     |         |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                             | Quantity. | Value.  | Quantity. | Value.  |
|                             |           | £       |           | £       |
| Iron ... .. Metric tons     | 465,622   | 135,498 | 680,620   | 196,408 |
| Manganese iron ... .. "     | 89,687    | 47,306  | 96,382    | 46,471  |
| Calamine ... .. "           | 22,562    | 114,094 | 26,258    | 107,953 |
| Manganese ... .. "          | 8,171     | 4,902   | 10,040    | 4,346   |
| Chrome... .. "              | 8,900     | 13,294  | 11,530    | 17,294  |
| Magnesite ... .. "          | 43,498    | 34,599  | 64,424    | 58,321  |
| Lignite... .. "             | 11,757    | 5,752   | 11,582    | 6,755   |
| Sulphur ... .. "            | 1,126     | 4,840   | —         | —       |
| Emery ... .. "              | 6,972     | 29,699  | 7,565     | 32,228  |
| Plaster ... .. "            | 185       | 319     | 70        | 196     |
| Salt ... .. "               | 25,201    | 65,522  | 25,167    | 70,467  |
| Argentiferous lead ... .. " | 13,729    | 272,471 | 12,308    | 285,022 |
| Speiss ... .. "             | —         | —       | 260       | 6,856   |
| Marble ... .. Cubic metres  | 2,330     | 19,959  | 2,972     | 10,930  |
| Millstones ... .. Number    | 13,102    | 1,271   | 12,732    | 501     |
| Total value ... ..          | —         | 749,626 | —         | 843,648 |

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

According to a report by the Geological Survey, one of the notable features presented by the statistics of bituminous coal production in the United States in 1906 was the increase in the use of machines and in the quantity of machine-mined coal. The total quantity produced by the use of machines in 1906 was 118,847,527 net tons, as against 103,396,452 tons in 1905, and 78,606,997 tons in 1904. The number of machines in use increased from 7,663 in 1904 to 9,184 in 1905, and to 10,212 in 1906.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

The percentage of the machine-mined tonnage to the total production in the States in which machines are used has increased steadily each year. In 1899 this percentage was 28; in 1900 it was 25.15; in 1901, 25.68; in 1902, 27.09; in 1903, 28.18; in 1904, 28.78; in 1905, 33.69; and in 1906, 35.1.

Of the 10,212 machines in use in 1906, 5,911, or 58 per cent., were of the pick or puncher type; 4,144, or 40.5 per cent., were chain breast machines, and 157, or 1.5 per cent., were long wall.

The United States Geological Survey also report the total value of the graphite produced in the United States in 1906 as 340,239 dols., an increase of 22,028 dols. over the value of the 1905 output, but a decrease in quantity. The production included 5,887,982 lb. of crystalline graphite and 16,853 net tons of amorphous graphite, a decrease of 148,585 lb. of the former and of 5,100 tons of the latter variety, as compared with 1905. All the crystalline graphite reported in 1906 was produced in the States of Pennsylvania and New York and was valued at 238,064 dols. The statistics of production fail, however, to indicate fully the activity of the crystalline graphite industry. Four companies in Pennsylvania have reported development and construction work which is expected largely to increase the output of that State in 1907. Specimens of high grade crystalline graphite from Virginia give some promise of that State being added to the list of producers.

The production of artificial graphite has steadily increased since its introduction in 1897. The quantity manufactured in 1906 amounted to 5,074,757 lb., valued at 337,204 dols., which is the largest quantity produced in any year since its first introduction on the market. Of the total output, 2,766,000 lb. was ground to a fine powder and this product was valued at 94,578 dols.

**YARNS AND TEXTILES.****CHINA.**

H.M. Consul-General at Shanghai (Sir P. Warren, K.C.M.G.) has forwarded an extract from the "North China Daily News" containing an account of a secret process by which ramie fibre, as purchased on the market, or received from the decorticating machines, can be converted into a soft filasse, suitable for spinning or weaving, within the short space of ten minutes. The possibilities of ramie for the manufacture of textile fabrics, the "News" remarks, have long been realised, but hitherto the de-gumming and

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softening of the fibre have proved such an expensive and tedious process that ramie has not come into general use. In Germany and France it has been used to a limited degree as weft on woollen or cotton yarns, but owing to the inelasticity of the fibre it has been found difficult to weave a pure ramie warp. The new process, however, bids fair to revolutionise the manufacture of textile fabrics. The process is exceedingly simple. The fibre is placed in a cauldron of boiling water, to which some secret composition is added. In five minutes it is removed from the pot, and after bleaching and washing, a beautiful white filasse, very similar in appearance to silk, is produced. The celerity and economy of the process, and the fact that the fibre is absolutely uninjured, show that it has tremendous possibilities. Specimens of ramie woven with wool, cotton, linen, and silk, as well as pure ramie cloth, threads and cords were exhibited. Perhaps it is when combined with silk that ramie shows to the best advantage: it strengthens the fabric and takes dye equally well, while, except to the expert eye, there is no difference in the appearance of the material. It is understood that it is intended shortly to float a local company to acquire the rights in the new process for China, Korea and Japan. The owner of the process has also, it is said, invented a decorticating machine, in which the company will acquire similar rights.

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 16th November, 1907, were as follows:—

#### Corn Prices.

|        |     |     |     |     |      |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35s. | 1d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27s. | 8d. |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18s. | 8d. |

For further particulars see p. 383.

A statement is published on p. 384, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 16th November, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

#### Imports of Agricultural Produce.

### QUEENSLAND.

Reporting under date of 12th October on the grain prospects in Queensland, the Board of Trade Correspondent at Brisbane (Mr. M. Finucan) states that dry weather had been prevailing throughout the southern parts of the State for the previous two months, which

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are the two most important months in the year as regards rainfall. There were exceptionally good falls of rain during the winter months, but the spring has been characterised by droughty conditions. The result will probably be that the whole of the cereal crops on the Darling Downs, the centre of the grain producing area of Queensland, will be diminished by about one-half. Should the droughty conditions continue it will undoubtedly be necessary to import maize, wheat, flour and barley; and this importation of food stuffs will be a matter of considerable importance.

With regard to **wheat**, reports from the South are extremely unsatisfactory, quotations at present (12th October) throughout Australia being 4s. 6d. to 4s. 8d. per bushel, and for flour, nominally, 11l. per ton of 2,000 lbs. It is estimated that the total wheat crop of Queensland this year will amount to about 1,500,000 bushels.

**Barley** is also likely to be affected, and it is expected that not more than 6,000 to 7,000 acres will be under crop this year. The present conditions may affect British producers to the extent that large quantities of brewers' malt will be needed for Australian use. Great Britain and California are the chief sources of supply for this article.

The nominal price of **maize** in all the States is 3s. 9d. to 4s. per bushel, and already enquiries are being made for quotations for Argentine maize which, it is estimated, could be landed at 3s. 9d. per bushel.

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**NATAL.**

The "Natal Government Gazette" of 22nd October contains a copy of an Act (No. 27 of 1907) authorising the Government to assist persons engaged in agricultural and pastoral pursuits by loans, and to appoint a Board of Commissioners for the management and administration of a fund created for that purpose. Advances may be made to farmers and landowners (a) to pay off existing liabilities; (b) to effect improvements, including water pumping, storing, irrigation, fencing, clearing land for cultivation, planting of orchards, &c., and farm buildings; (c) for purchase of live stock and plant—on security of freehold or quit-rent land, land held from the Crown or land held under private lease if the landlord becomes a joint mortgagor. Loans are not to be granted for less than 50l. or more than 1,500l. Applications for advances of 500l. or under are to have precedence over those for a larger amount.

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### ZANZIBAR.

The British Vice-Consul at Zanzibar (Mr. H. A. Richards) reports that oranges grow plentifully and well in both Zanzibar and Pemba, and are noted for their excellent quality. He thinks that it might be worth the while of any one who is contemplating investing money in those parts to consider the question of orange groves. A very good market is ready for this and other fresh fruit, all along the east coast stretching from Cape Town to Aden, and no doubt if the matter were taken up the steamship companies could be induced to offer better facilities for the transport of this class of produce than they do at present. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,940.*)

### PORTUGAL-ANGOLA.

With reference to the notice on p. 621 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 27th June last relating to samples of Angola root rubber and Pungo Andongo rubber, H.M. Consul at St. Paul de Loanda (Mr. H. G. Mackie) has now forwarded a further assortment of Angola root and other rubber, which may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

H.M. Consul has also forwarded three samples of St. Thomé cocoa.

#### Samples of St. Thomé Cocoa.

Referring to this product in his annual report (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,928*), Mr. Mackie gives the production of cocoa in St. Thomé during the years 1905-6 as 25,511 metric tons and 24,447 metric tons respectively. The production, he remarks, has trebled itself in 10 years, while its value is stated to have increased two-fold. Out of a total area of 416 square miles, 190 are under cultivation. There is, therefore, plenty of scope for further expansion.

The plantations near the town are well irrigated, but the soil is poor, and chemical manure is used. Fertilisers might possibly be more extensively employed if their efficacious properties were brought more prominently before the notice of the cocoa growers. Trials locally conducted with nitrate of soda, potash salts, Thomas phosphates, &c., might stimulate a demand for fertilisers throughout the island.

The trees of the more modern plantations yield fruit after the third year, but only in small quantities; they do not properly mature until the fifth year, and bear profusely between the ninth and twelfth years.

As regards methods of cultivation, the British Consular Agent at St. Thomé states they are of a primitive description.

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A sample of Almadeina resin has also been forwarded by Mr Mackie. This gum was worked at Mossamedes, Almadeina Gum. but has now ceased to be exported; 6d. per lb. for two samples sent to a leading rubber firm was quoted. The shrub from which it is extracted grows in profusion in many districts.

The samples of cocoa and Almadeina gum may also be inspected by British firms interested, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch.

**BULGARIA.**

H.M. Vice-Consul at Sofia (Mr. G. O'B. Toulmin) reports with regard to the agricultural outlook in Bulgaria that a too severe winter, followed by a period of abnormal drought, caused the spring crops of 1907 to be a failure, with the exception of rye which was fairly good. Maize, plentifully sown to replace ploughed-up crops, has suffered from the excessive dryness of the summer and present autumn season. For the same reason there will be a considerable shortage in the wheat crop, though the quality of the grain is said to be good. Forage is so scarce that it is doubtful whether the peasants will be able to keep sufficient cattle through the coming winter to do the spring ploughing; while, owing to the hard and dry state of the soil, no colza seed could be sown this autumn. The harvest of 1907, therefore, promises to be but a very moderate one, and will doubtless tend to diminish the import trade of the year.

**BRAZIL.**

In reporting on the trade of Santos in 1906, H.M. Consul there (Mr. R. Casement, C.M.G.) gives the exports of Mangabeira Rubber exports from Santos. Mangabeira rubber from that port in 1906 as 88,535 kilos., valued at 334,337 milreis, as compared with 95,190 kilos. valued at 339,300 milreis in 1905, and remarks that the export seems to be stationary, although from a recent report dealing with local trade during the first three months of 1907, the export of this commodity during that period showed a large increase over the same period of 1906.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

According to a report in the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" for November,\* based on 6,497 statistical returns,

#### State of the Labour Market in October.

viz., 2,700 returns from trade unions and 3,797 returns from employers (relating to 1,113,594 workpeople, employed in coal and iron mining, the cotton, woollen, worsted and other textile trades, the building trades, the boot and shoe and other clothing trades, and the paper and glass trades), besides a large number of returns of a non-statistical character received from employers' associations, trade unions, local correspondents and other sources, employment in October was on the whole not quite so good as in September. There was a decline in the metal and engineering industries, but some improvement in the woollen and worsted trades and in the boot and shoe trade. Coal mining continued very busy and the building trades dull.

Compared with October, 1906, there was some decline in the building, and metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades, and an improvement in the textile trades, and in the boot and shoe trade.

In the 272 trade unions, with a net membership of 638,788, making returns, 30,079 (or 4·7 per cent.) were reported as unemployed at the end of October, 1907, compared with 4·6 per cent. at the end of September, 1907, and 4·4 per cent. at the end October, 1906.

\* For list of principal contents see p. 385.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of fish landed on the English and Welsh, Scottish, Fishery Statistics, and Irish Coasts during the month and ten months ended 31st October, 1907, compared with the corresponding periods of the year 1906:—

| —                         | Month of October. |         |           |           | Ten Months ended 31st October. |           |           |           |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                           | 1907.             |         | 1906.     |           | 1907.                          |           | 1906.     |           |
|                           | Quantity.         | Value.  | Quantity. | Value.    | Quantity.                      | Value.    | Quantity. | Value.    |
| <b>England and Wales—</b> |                   |         |           |           |                                |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                   |         |           |           |                                |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 2,235,648         | 891,984 | 1,859,107 | 985,798   | 11,017,808                     | 6,440,239 | 9,849,161 | 6,119,316 |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                 | 33,534  | —         | 33,512    | —                              | 279,463   | —         | 268,740   |
| Total Value ...           | —                 | 925,518 | —         | 1,019,310 | —                              | 6,719,702 | —         | 6,388,056 |
| <b>Scotland—</b>          |                   |         |           |           |                                |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                   |         |           |           |                                |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 305,867           | 139,474 | 271,979   | 130,450   | 8,555,320                      | 2,926,101 | 7,163,359 | 2,755,116 |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                 | 6,561   | —         | 6,155     | —                              | 61,838    | —         | 61,231    |
| Total Value ...           | —                 | 146,035 | —         | 136,605   | —                              | 2,987,939 | —         | 2,766,347 |
| <b>Ireland—</b>           |                   |         |           |           |                                |           |           |           |
| Fish, excluding shell     |                   |         |           |           |                                |           |           |           |
| fish ... ..               | 48,777            | 19,567  | 39,856    | 18,697    | 506,145                        | 217,895   | 550,587   | 221,814   |
| Shell fish ... ..         | —                 | 834     | —         | 864       | —                              | 15,814    | —         | 12,429    |
| Total Value ...           | —                 | 20,401  | —         | 19,461    | —                              | 233,709   | —         | 234,243   |

NOTE.—All the above figures are subject to correction in the annual returns.

*Miscellaneous.***UNITED KINGDOM—continued.**

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 14th November, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 91,484 and the number imported during the forty-six weeks ended the 14th November was 3,856,406 (including 5,816 bales British West Indian and 9,917 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 14th November, 7,205 bales, and for the forty-six weeks, 438,985 bales.

For further details see p. 383.

**CAPE COLONY.**

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of 25th October announces the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the existing South African Customs Union Tariff, and to deal with certain other matters appertaining thereto, which will be more fully detailed in the Letter of Instruction to be issued to the Commission.

The following gentlemen have been appointed members of this Commission:—Mr. George Whitaker, Mr. Charles Frederick Kayser, Mr. Charles Edward Tod, Dr. Anthony Gysbert Viljoen, Mr. John Pyott, Mr. George Adie Scott, and Mr. John Harlow.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

H.M. Consul at Boston (Mr. W. Wyndham) reports that recently **Lumber Trade between Boston and River Plate Ports.** four foreign (Norwegian) sailing vessels arrived at that port, chartered to load lumber for River Plate ports. This trade, says the Consul, has previously been carried on to a great extent by British vessels, but merchants at

Boston being unable to secure British vessels, the trade is passing to foreign shipowners. Mr. Wyndham adds that the rates of freight at present (16th October) are high, varying from 9 dollars 25 cents (1*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*) per 1,000 lineal ft. for large ships to 9 dollars 50 cents (1*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*) for smaller vessels.

**NICARAGUA.**

H.M. Consul at Greytown (Mr. H. F. Bingham) has forwarded a **Match and Wax Vesta Monopoly.** copy and translation of a Nicaraguan Presidential Decree declaring the sale of matches and wax vestas a government monopoly from the 1st of January next.

The annual value of the matches imported into Nicaragua, according to the latest official returns, was 2,100*l.*, imported from the following countries:—Germany, 1,659*l.*; United States of America, 387*l.*; France, 48*l.*; and United Kingdom, 6*l.*

*Miscellaneous.***CHILE.**

H.M. Legation at Santiago have forwarded a copy and translation of the New Chilean Law of Economic Reform which has recently been promulgated.

**New Law of Economic Reform.** Article 1 of this Law provides for the payment in gold of import duties and storage dues. (See "Board of Trade Journal" for the 24th October, p. 172.)

Article 2 provides that the "Oficina de Emision" shall issue notes of legal tender at the rate of one peso for each eighteen pence, against deposits of bullion in Santiago or London. These deposits may only be withdrawn after thirty days' notice, and will be exclusively destined for the exchange of notes.

Articles 4-12 provide for the establishment of a Nitrate Credit Bank ("Caja de Credito Salitrero") issuing bonds in gold secured by mortgage on nitrate grounds belonging to persons resident in Chile or to Societies constituted in accordance with the Laws of Chile whose directors are domiciled in that country. The Council of the Bank shall lay down the conditions which must be fulfilled by the properties offered for mortgage, both as regards the working of the properties, the exportation of the products, and the redemption of the mortgage.

Article 13 provides that the remitting abroad of funds intended for the conversion of paper money shall cease as long as the rate of exchange is below seventeen pence.

It is provided in Article 14 that the President of the Republic shall issue in thirty days' time 30,000,000 pesos in notes of legal tender.

By Article 15 the President is authorised until 1st January, 1910, to contract a loan abroad up to 4,500,000*l.* sterling, to be used exclusively for guaranteeing the paper money issued by the State.

He is also authorised under Article 16 within the period of two years to contract a loan amounting to 3,000,000*l.* sterling of the proceeds of which 1,100,000*l.* sterling shall be destined for the works on the port of Valparaiso, and the remainder devoted to the construction of a double line on the Central Railway, to the purchase of materials for harbour works, to the construction of a transversal (north and south, *i.e.*, transverse as regards the majority of existing lines) railway, &c.

The text of the Law and the translation may be seen by persons interested, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 46 Weeks ended 14th November, 1907 :—

|                      | Week ended<br>14th Nov.,<br>1907. | 46 Weeks<br>ended<br>14th Nov.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>14th Nov.,<br>1907. | 46 Weeks<br>ended<br>14th Nov.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 65,106                            | 2,889,547                                | 3,400                             | 222,198                                  |
| Brasilian ... ..     | 322                               | 191,192                                  | 219                               | 17,276                                   |
| East Indian ... ..   | 1,154                             | 198,724                                  | 1,691                             | 76,719                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 24,496                            | 436,015                                  | 1,735                             | 110,954                                  |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 406                               | 140,928*                                 | 160                               | 11,838                                   |
| Total ... ..         | 91,484                            | 3,856,406                                | 7,205                             | 438,985                                  |

\* Including 5,816 bales British West Indian and 9,917 bales British West African.

### Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 16th November, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

|                                       |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                       |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                                       |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Week ended 16th November, 1907 ... .. |  | 35             | 1  | 27      | 8  | 18    | 8  |
| Corresponding week in—                |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                           |  | 27             | 2  | 25      | 10 | 17    | 0  |
| 1901 ... ..                           |  | 27             | 1  | 26      | 10 | 18    | 7  |
| 1902 ... ..                           |  | 24             | 11 | 25      | 6  | 17    | 2  |
| 1903 ... ..                           |  | 26             | 9  | 24      | 3  | 15    | 10 |
| 1904 ... ..                           |  | 30             | 2  | 24      | 5  | 16    | 0  |
| 1905 ... ..                           |  | 28             | 7  | 24      | 6  | 17    | 8  |
| 1906 ... ..                           |  | 26             | 4  | 24      | 4  | 17    | 2  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**  
**Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce**  
**imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 16th November, 1907,**  
**together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the**  
**previous year.**

|  |            | Week ended<br>16th Nov.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|--|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>                     |            |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..         | Number.    | 5,748                             | 8,411                               |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..                       | "          | —                                 | 1,905                               |
| Swine ... ..                                 | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..                                | "          | 277                               | 240                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>                          |            |                                   |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ... | Cwts.      | 63,236                            | 125,710                             |
| Mutton " " " " " " " "                       | "          | 40,767                            | 32,232                              |
| Pork " " " " " " " "                         | "          | 12,340                            | 12,078                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>            |            |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 98,957                            | 95,439                              |
| Beef ... ..                                  | "          | 3,812                             | 5,997                               |
| Hams ... ..                                  | "          | 22,946                            | 11,705                              |
| Pork ... ..                                  | "          | 4,906                             | 4,661                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh ... ..             | "          | 11,170                            | 12,765                              |
| " " " salted ... ..                          | "          | 1,551                             | —                                   |
| " " " preserved otherwise than by salting    | "          | 7,902                             | 4,247                               |
| <b>(including tinned and canned)</b>         |            |                                   |                                     |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>       |            |                                   |                                     |
| Butter ... ..                                | Cwts.      | 58,516                            | 66,312                              |
| Margarine ... ..                             | "          | 14,614                            | 24,503                              |
| Cheese ... ..                                | "          | 40,815                            | 63,236                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..         | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..                               | "          | 94                                | 98                                  |
| " condensed ... ..                           | "          | 17,618                            | 15,880                              |
| " preserved, other kinds ... ..              | "          | 226                               | 314                                 |
| Eggs ... ..                                  | Grt. Hndr. | 400,125                           | 426,093                             |
| Poultry ... ..                               | Value £    | 6,028                             | 6,301                               |
| Game ... ..                                  | "          | 4,110                             | 2,444                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ... ..      | Cwts.      | 8,976                             | 30,714                              |
| Lard ... ..                                  | "          | 46,187                            | 37,814                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>        |            |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..                                 | Cwts.      | 1,801,100                         | 2,159,200                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..                  | "          | 186,200                           | 255,600                             |
| Barley ... ..                                | "          | 693,800                           | 744,000                             |
| Oats ... ..                                  | "          | 272,400                           | 209,100                             |
| Peas ... ..                                  | "          | 60,190                            | 44,000                              |
| Beans ... ..                                 | "          | 27,290                            | 10,520                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..                  | "          | 1,547,700                         | 643,800                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>                          |            |                                   |                                     |
| Apples ... ..                                | Cwts.      | 181,759                           | 156,737                             |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..                  | "          | 17                                | —                                   |
| Bananas ... ..                               | Bunches.   | 128,161                           | 129,424                             |
| Cherries ... ..                              | Cwts.      | —                                 | —                                   |
| Currants ... ..                              | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..                          | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..                                | "          | 48,448                            | 36,244                              |
| Lemons ... ..                                | "          | 10,857                            | 9,557                               |
| Oranges ... ..                               | "          | 120,113                           | 38,780                              |
| Pears ... ..                                 | "          | 6,586                             | 6,435                               |
| Plums ... ..                                 | "          | 186                               | 795                                 |
| Strawberries ... ..                          | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..                          | "          | 1,769                             | 1,817                               |
| Hay ... ..                                   | Tons.      | 1,269                             | 3,625                               |
| Straw ... ..                                 | "          | 586                               | 1,180                               |
| Moss Litter ... ..                           | "          | 1,868                             | 1,608                               |
| Hops ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 5,663                             | 7,367                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..                          | "          | 588                               | 12,840                              |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>                     |            |                                   |                                     |
| Onions ... ..                                | Bushels.   | 160,217                           | 182,789                             |
| Potatoes ... ..                              | Cwts.      | 870,762                           | 40,767                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..                              | "          | 18,480                            | 11,811                              |
| Unenumerated ... ..                          | Value £    | 5,014                             | 4,984                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried</b>                     |            |                                   |                                     |
| Preserved by canning ... ..                  | Cwts.      | 7,583                             | 14,145                              |
|  | "          | 6,754                             | 6,233                               |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of October, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 3d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first, and 3s. 4d. for the second volume, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, and in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the November issue:—State of the Labour Market in October; Railway Dispute, Terms of Settlement; Mines and Quarries in 1906; Rules of Conciliation Boards; Proceedings of Distress Committees in 1906-7; and Conciliation Cases.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

### ANNUAL SERIES.

#### No. 3,942. Trade of the Consular District of Kobe for 1906.

Imports for whole district show a decrease and exports an increase as compared with 1905.

Large decrease in the import of raw cotton into Kobe.

Development of Japanese motor industry.

Considerable increase in the export of copper from Kobe.

Harbour improvements at Kobe.

Opportunities for foreign industrial enterprise at Osaka.

Cotton industry of Kioto.

Tables of imports and exports.

\* It can be purchased through any newsagent, price 1d.

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**No. 3,943. Foreign Trade of China for 1906.**

Bad year for trade, owing principally to over-importation.

Great decline in the value of imports from United States.

Increased import of foreign opium.

Falling off in the import of plain cotton goods and metals.

Cotton mills.

Slight increase in the exports of tea and silk. 2 p. 109.

New railways under construction.

Port improvements at Pei-ho and Whangpoo.

Hints to British traders.

**No. 3,944. Trade of the Bahrain Islands for 1906.**

Total trade shows an increase in value of over 30 per cent.

Increased import of coffee, oil, and piece-goods.

Falling-off in import of pearls. 2 p. 110.

Comparative tables showing the imports and exports to various countries.

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**OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

*East India (Trade). Review of the Trade of India in 1906-7.*  
[Cd. 3,787.] Price 1s. 3d.

This is the annual report on the foreign trade of British India for the year ended 31st March, 1907, which was issued a short time ago as an Indian Government publication (see p. 231 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st August). It has now been presented to Parliament as a command paper, and may be obtained like other Government publications.

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*Government Publications.***FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.****Treaty Series.**

The following numbers of the Treaty Series, issued by the Foreign Office since the 1st January, 1907, may be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C.:—

| No.                             |   | Price.   |
|---------------------------------|---|----------|
| <b>United Kingdom.</b>          |   |          |
| 32                              | Accession of the United Kingdom to the Declarations signed at The Hague, 29th July, 1899, respecting (1) Expanding Bullets; (2) Asphyxiating Gases ... ..       | 1d.      |
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| 21                              | Accession of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Industrial Property Convention of 1883, as modified by the Additional Act of 1900 ... ..                      | ½d.      |
| <b>Russia:</b>                  |   |          |
| 34                              | Convention between the United Kingdom and Russia relating to Persia, Afghanistan, and Thibet ... ..   | 1d.      |
| <b>Norway:</b>                  |   |          |
| 19                              | Agreement between the United Kingdom and Norway respecting the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals ...   | ½d.      |
| <b>Sweden:</b>                  |   |          |
| 24                              | Supplementary Agreement between the United Kingdom and Sweden for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals ... ..   | ½d.      |
| 37                              | Agreement between the United Kingdom and Sweden respecting the Estates of Deceased Seamen... ..   | ½d.      |
| <b>Germany:</b>                 |   |          |
| 12                              | Exchange of Notes between the United Kingdom and Germany respecting the Estates of Deceased Seamen ...  | ½d.      |
| <b>France:</b>                  |   |          |
| 3                               | Convention between the United Kingdom and France concerning the New Hebrides ... ..   | 2½d.     |
| 5                               | Agreement between the United Kingdom and France relative to the Frontier between the British and French Possessions from the Gulf of Guinea to the Niger ... .. | 1s. 1d.  |
| 8                               | Agreement between the United Kingdom and France relative to the Boundary between the Gold Coast and the French Soudan ... ..                                    | 2s. 1½d. |
| 14                              | Additional agreement between the United Kingdom and France respecting the Parcel Post Service between British India and France ... ..                           | ½d.      |
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| 1                               | Agreement between the United Kingdom, France and Italy respecting Abyssinia ... ..  | 1d.      |
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| <b>Belgium:</b>                 |   |          |
| 16                              | Convention between the United Kingdom and Belgium supplementing Article XIV. of the Treaty of Extradition of 29th October, 1901.... ..                          | ½d.      |
| 36                              | Convention between the United Kingdom and Belgium for the Exchange of Money Orders ... ..   | 1d.      |

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| 9   | Agreement between the United Kingdom and Switzerland respecting Commercial Travellers' Samples... ..   | 1d.    |
| <b>Portugal:</b>                                      |  |        |
| 28  | Declaration between the United Kingdom and Portugal respecting Boundaries in Central Africa (Barotseland) ...  | 1d.    |
| <b>Italy:</b>   |  |        |
| 31  | Agreement between the United Kingdom and Italy respecting the Importation of Drugs and Medical Preparations ...  | 1d.    |
| <b>Turkey:</b>  |  |        |
| 38  | Accession of Turkey to the Convention signed at Genoa, 6th July, 1906, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armies in the Field ... ..                                   | 1d.    |
| <b>Morocco:</b>                                       |  |        |
| 4   | General Act of the International Conference at Algeciras relating to the Affairs of Morocco ... ..   | 1d.    |
| <b>United States of America:</b>                      |  |        |
| 7   | Supplementary Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals ... ..   | 1d.    |
| 33  | Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States of America respecting Protection of Patents in Morocco ... ..   | 1d.    |
| 35  | Exchange of Notes establishing a <i>Modus Vivendi</i> between the United Kingdom and the United States of America with regard to the Newfoundland Fisheries ... ..                                   | 1d.    |
| <b>Costa Rica:</b>                                    |  |        |
| 17  | Agreement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Costa Rica for the Exchange of Postal Money Orders...   | 1½d.   |
| <b>Ecuador:</b>                                       |  |        |
| 29  | Accession of Ecuador to the Convention signed at Geneva, 22nd August, 1864, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field ... ..                                       | 1d.    |
| <b>Nicaragua:</b>                                     |  |        |
| 22  | Accession of Nicaragua to the Convention signed at Geneva, 6th July, 1906, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armies in the Field ... ..                               | 1d.    |
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| 23  | Accession of Panamá to the Convention signed at Geneva, 22nd August, 1864, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field ... ..  | 1d.    |
| 25  | Treaty between the United Kingdom and Panamá for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals ... ..   | 1d.    |
| <b>Cuba, Dominican Republic, Hayti, and Paraguay:</b> |  |        |
| 20  | Accession of Cuba, Dominican Republic, Hayti, and Paraguay to the Convention signed at Geneva, 22nd August, 1864, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field ... .. | 1d.    |

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|     | <b>Peru:</b>   |        |
| 13  | Treaty between the United Kingdom and Peru for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals ... ..   | 1d.    |
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| 6   | Accession of Brazil to the Geneva Convention of 22nd August, 1864, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field ... ..          | ½d.    |
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| 30  | Accession of Venezuela to the Geneva Convention of 6th July, 1906, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armies in the Field ... .. | ½d.    |
| 10  | International Agreement respecting the Unification of the Pharmacopœial Formulas for Potent Drugs ... ..   | 1½d.   |
| 11  | Accessions of British Colonies, &c., to various Treaty Engagements between the United Kingdom and Foreign Powers ... ..  | ½d.    |
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| 26  | Protocol for the Accession of Non-Signatory Powers to the Convention of 29th July, 1899, for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes ... ..           | ½d.    |
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**COLONIAL OFFICE REPORTS.**

The following Reports relating to H.M. Colonial Possessions, issued since the 1st January, 1907, may be purchased from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C.:—

**Annual.**

| No. | Place.  | Price.  |
|-----|---|---------|
| 515 | British Honduras ... ..                       | 2d.     |
| 516 | Northern Nigeria ... ..                       | 1s. 2d. |
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| No. | Place.                                     | Price. |
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*Miscellaneous.*

| No. | Place.   | Price. |
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| 40  | Northern Nigeria : Memorandum on the Taxation of Natives ... ..                    | 10d.   |
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| 43  | Caicos Islands : Report as to the further development of the Sisal Industry ... .. | 2d.    |
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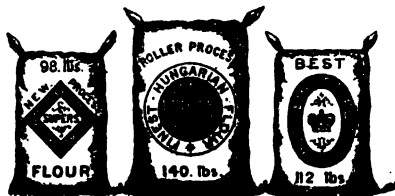
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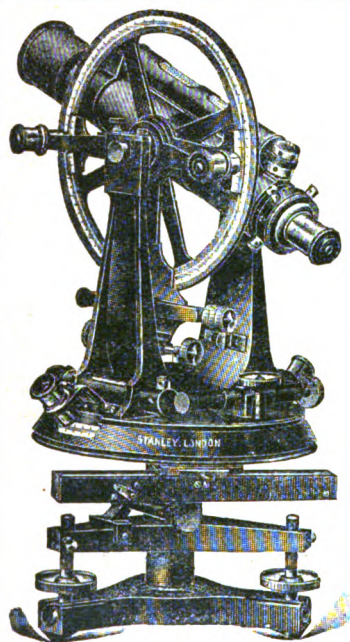
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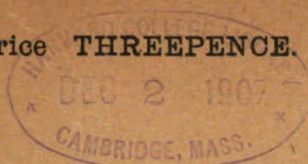
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## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

With reference to the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" for 26th September last, giving the **Tariff Act of 1907.** new Tariff proposals of the Dominion of New Zealand, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of the "Tariff Act, 1907" (No. 15 of 1907), which was assented to on 25th September last.

The Act, so far as relates to the **rates of duty**, came into force on 17th July, 1907 (see Sec. 9), and makes various amendments in the proposals originally submitted to Parliament.

In some cases the proposed rates of duty have been reduced (*e.g.*, confectionery, cartridge cases, flaked maize, and raw cotton), whilst various dutiable articles have been added to the free list (notably cocoanut butter, all surgical instruments, dextrine, magic lantern slides, certain electrical materials, galvanizing baths, and gas and water meters).

Preferential treatment is now granted to certain mining machinery, electrical machinery, motor engines for bicycles, cast-iron pipes, butter and cheese cloth and cotton cloth for meat wraps, but, on the other hand, the preference previously proposed to be accorded various articles has been removed—the most important of which are aerated waters, watches, flour milling, oil refining and boring machinery, motor vehicles, pneumatic tyres, sewing machines, certain classes of paper, artificers' tools, and some food stuffs.

The abolition or reduction of the duty on certain textile piece-goods has been deferred from 31st October to 31st December, 1907, whilst the free importation of cream of tartar, paper-hangings, and window and plate glass, has also been deferred to the latter date.

The following is the complete text of the new Tariff Act, the rates of duty previously in force under the old Tariff Acts also being given in the Schedules for the purposes of comparison:—

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## NEW ZEALAND TARIFF ACT, 1907.

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**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

1907, No. 15.

AN ACT to impose Duties of Customs and Excise and Title.  
to amend the Law relating thereto.

[25th September, 1907.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of  
New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the  
authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Tariff Act, 1907. Short Title.

2. In this Act the term "Tariff" means the Interpretation.  
Schedules to this Act setting forth duties of Customs  
and exemptions from duties of Customs.

**PART I.**

**DUTIES OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.**

3. All duties of Customs, and all exemptions from Existing duties and  
exemptions repealed,  
and new duties  
imposed.  
such duties, as specified in the Schedules to the  
Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1888, the Customs  
and Excise Duties Act, 1895, the Customs Duties  
Amendment Act, 1900, and the Preferential and  
Reciprocal Trade Act, 1903, and also all duties  
imposed by the Governor under section seventeen of  
the Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1888, are hereby  
repealed, and there shall be levied, collected, and  
paid to the use of His Majesty on all goods imported  
into New Zealand or entered for home consumption  
after the coming into operation of this Act the  
several duties of Customs mentioned in Schedules  
A and B to this Act.

4. The goods mentioned in Schedule B hereto Exemptions from  
duties of goods in  
Schedule B.  
shall, except as otherwise provided for in that  
Schedule or in Schedule E,\* be exempt from duties  
of Customs if imported into New Zealand or entered  
for home consumption after the coming into operation  
of this Act.

5. There shall be levied, collected, and paid to the Special duties on  
goods in Schedules  
C, D, and E if not  
the produce or  
manufacture of  
some part of British  
Dominions.\*  
use of His Majesty on all goods specified in  
Schedules C, D, and E hereto,\* and not being the  
produce or manufacture of some part of the British  
Dominions, if imported into New Zealand or entered  
for home consumption after the respective dates  
hereinafter specified in this section, in addition to  
the duties (if any) authorised under Schedules A  
and B hereto, the duties of Customs following, that  
is to say:—

\* The additional duties provided for in Schedules C, D and E have been incorporated  
in the rates of duty shown under Schedules A and B.

**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

- (a.) On the articles specified in Schedule C,\* if so imported or entered after the coming into operation of this Act, an amount equal to the amount payable on these articles under Schedule A:
- (b.) On the articles specified in Schedule D, Part I,\* if so imported or entered after the coming into operation of this Act, an amount equal to one-half of the amount payable on these articles under Schedule A:
- (c.) On the articles specified in Schedule D, Part II,\* if so imported or entered after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and eight, an amount equal to one-half of the amount payable on these articles under Schedule A:
- (d.) On the articles specified in Schedule D, Part III,\* if so imported or entered after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and eight, an amount equal to twenty per centum of the amount payable on these articles under Schedule A:
- (e.) On the articles specified in Schedule E, Part I,\* if so imported or entered after the coming into operation of this Act, duties of Customs equal to twenty per centum of the value for duty as defined by the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, or its amendments:
- (f.) On the articles specified in Schedule E, Part II,\* if so imported or entered after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and eight, duties of Customs equal to twenty per centum of the value for duty as defined by the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, or its amendments:
- (g.) On the articles specified in Schedule E, Part III,\* if so imported or entered after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and eight, duties of Customs equal to ten per centum of the value for duty as defined by the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, or its amendments:
- (h.) On the articles specified in Schedule E, Part IV,\* if so imported or entered after the coming into operation of this Act, duties of Customs specified in the said Part of the said Schedule.

\* The additional duties provided for in Schedules C, D and E have been incorporated in the rates of duty shown under Schedules A and B.

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*

6. (1.) With regard to all articles mentioned in Schedule C, D, or E hereto,\* the full duty shall be levied, collected, and paid as if they were not the produce or manufacture of any part of the British Dominions, unless there is produced to the Collector an invoice of the goods having written or printed thereon a certificate signed by the sender or consignee, in such form as may be prescribed by the Minister of Customs, stating that the articles are *bona fide* the produce or manufacture of some part of the British Dominions named in the certificate. No such invoice shall relate to any goods other than those to which the certificate refers.

Certificate to be produced to Collector that goods are the produce or manufacture of some part of British Dominions.

(2.) On the importation of any articles mentioned in Schedule C, D, or E hereto,\* the importer or his agent, in addition to the particulars required to be given on the entry of dutiable goods, shall state, to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, the country of which such articles are the produce or manufacture, and shall satisfy the Collector, by declaration or otherwise, of the truth of such statement.

(3.) If the Collector has reason to believe that any such articles are not the produce or manufacture of the country mentioned in such invoice, certificate, or statement, he may detain them for examination; and if after due inquiry he is satisfied that such invoice, certificate, or statement is false, the articles shall be forfeited and dealt with as directed by the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, in the case of forfeited goods.

Forfeiture of goods on false invoice, &c.

(4.) Every importer, or agent of an importer, who produces any such invoice or certificate, or makes any such statement, knowing the same to be false in any particular is liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, or, at the option of the Minister of Customs, to a penalty of treble the value of the goods specified in such invoice.

(5.) In any proceedings under this Act the onus of proof that any goods are the produce or manufacture of some part of the British Dominions shall be on the importer.

Onus of proof on importer.

(6.) In the case of parcels sent by post or through a forwarding agency, the Collector may dispense with the certificate required by this section, if evidence satisfactory to him is produced that the goods

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**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

are the produce or manufacture of the British Dominions.

**Regulations.**

(7.) The Governor may from time to time, by Order in Council gazetted, make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this section, and may impose penalties for the breach of any such regulation not exceeding one hundred pounds, and in particular may prescribe the classes of goods which shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Act, to be the produce or manufacture of the British Dominions or of any specified country.

**Repeal.**

(8.) Sections two to eleven of the Preferential and Reciprocal Trade Act, 1903, are hereby repealed.†

Act not to affect duties as fixed in pursuance of treaty with South African colonies.

7. Nothing in this Act shall be so construed or shall so operate as to conflict with the schedule of Customs duties and exemptions contained in the Order in Council made by the Governor on the seventh day of January, nineteen hundred and seven, for the purpose of carrying into effect a certain treaty therein referred to, and made between the Government of New Zealand and the Governments of certain colonies in South Africa:

Provided that, notwithstanding anything in the said schedule, no higher duty shall be levied on any goods the produce or manufacture of the said colonies than that which would be levied under this Act on the same goods if they were the produce or manufacture of some other part of the British Dominions.

Articles which may be manufactured in manufacturing warehouse.

8. (1.) The articles in which spirit is a necessary ingredient, permitted to be manufactured in any warehouse or place of security approved and appointed under section twenty-six of the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882 (hereinafter called a manufacturing warehouse), shall be limited to the following articles when made under such conditions, in such quantities, and according to such formulæ as may from time to time be approved by the Minister of Customs, that is to say: Perfumed spirit, spirituous preparations for the toilet, culinary or flavouring essences, and medicinal preparations (excepting medicated wine or wine mixed with food).

Scale of duties on such articles.

(2.) Before delivery from any manufacturing warehouse there shall be paid to and for the use of

† The effect of this repealing clause is to only retain the provisions relating to "Reciprocal Trade" agreements with British Dominions and Foreign Countries. The preferential provisions of the Act of 1903 are, with certain amendments, incorporated in this Act.

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His Majesty a duty on such articles in accordance with the following scale, that is to say:—

On perfumed spirit ... 20s. the liquid gal.

On toilet preparations which are subject to 16s. the liquid gallon on importation ... 12s. the liquid gal.

On toilet preparations which are subject to 25 per centum duty on importation ... 6s. the liquid gal.

On culinary and flavouring essences ... 12s. the liquid gal.

On medicinal preparations (excepting medicated wine or wine mixed with food) containing more than 50 per centum of proof spirit ... 9d. the pound.

Medicinal preparations (excepting medicated wine or wine mixed with food) containing 50 per centum of proof spirit or less ... Free.

(3.) The Minister of Customs may prohibit the manufacture of any article included under the foregoing headings, if in his judgment such manufacture is detrimental to the revenue derived from the duty on spirits.

(4.) If at any time the Collector is satisfied that any article made in a manufacturing warehouse has not been prepared strictly in accordance with the formula approved by the Minister of Customs, or that any article the manufacture of which has been prohibited by the said Minister under the authority of this section has been made in a manufacturing warehouse, the said Minister may by writing under his hand revoke the appointment of the warehouse in which such article has been so prepared or made.

Minister may  
revoke appointment  
of manufacturing  
warehouse.

(5.) For the period of two years after such revocation no person who was in occupation of such warehouse at the time of the revocation shall be competent to make application for the reappointment of that warehouse, or for the appointment of any other warehouse, and if he become the occupier of any manufacturing warehouse the Minister of Customs may revoke the appointment thereof.

**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.****Repeal.**

(6.) Sections nine and eleven of the Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1895, are hereby repealed.†

**Commencement of Act.**

9. (1.) This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the seventeenth day of July, nineteen hundred and seven, and to have been in operation since the commencement of that day.

(2.) Notwithstanding the last preceding subsection, sections seventeen to thirty of this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the passing of this Act, and not at any earlier date.

**Schedules and notes thereto deemed part of Act.**

10. The several Schedules to this Act, together with the notes to such Schedules, shall be deemed to be part of this Act in the same manner as if they had been contained in the body thereof.

**Certain resolutions of House of Representatives deemed to have had force of law.**

11. (1.) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, every resolution of the House of Representatives passed on or after the sixteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and seven, and before the passing of this Act, purporting to impose any duties of Customs or excise, or to create any exemptions from such duties, shall be deemed to have taken effect and to have had the force of law according to the tenor of such resolution, and to have so continued until the passing of this Act, or until altered or revoked before the passing of this Act by a resolution of the House of Representatives.

(2.) Every such resolution as is mentioned in the last preceding subsection shall be deemed to be revoked on the passing of this Act.

**No additional duty because of subsequent alteration.**

12. (1.) No additional duty shall be chargeable in respect of goods cleared during the currency of any such resolution as aforesaid by reason merely of the fact that the duties or exemptions imposed or created by such resolution have been altered by any subsequent resolution or by this Act.

**Refund of duty in excess in certain cases.**

(2.) When any duty has been paid under the authority of any such resolution in excess of the duty payable under this Act, the Collector may allow a refund of such excess, if he is satisfied that the goods on which such duty has been paid are still in the possession of the person who paid the same.

**Provisions where contract for sale of goods made before 17th July, 1907.**

13. Where any contract has been made before the seventeenth day of July, nineteen hundred and seven, between an importer carrying on business in New Zealand and a purchaser in New Zealand for the sale of any goods at a price which includes the

† These repealed sections relate to the manufacture of articles of which spirit is a necessary ingredient, and to the revocation of the appointment of manufacturing warehouses.

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duty payable on such goods in accordance with the tariff in force at the date of such contract, the following provisions shall apply:—

- (a.) If the said goods have been entered before the passing of this Act, and duty has been paid thereon in excess of the duty in force at the date of such contract, the Collector, if satisfied that the goods have been delivered to the purchaser in pursuance of such contract, may allow a refund of such excess to the importer.
- (b.) If the said goods have not been so entered before the passing of this Act, but are entered before the first day of November, nineteen hundred and seven, the Collector, if satisfied that they have been imported and are to be delivered by the importer under such a contract as aforesaid, may allow such goods to be admitted at the rate of duty in force in respect thereof on the date on which the said contract was made.

14. (1.) This Act shall not take effect in the Islands situated within the boundaries set forth in the Schedule to the Cook and other Islands Government Act, 1901, until a day to be determined by the Governor by Order in Council gazetted.

Act not to apply to Cook Islands until so determined by Order in Council.

(2.) All Orders in Council made under the authority of the said Act and affecting the Customs duties or exemptions in the said Islands shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding this Act, until revoked or altered by a subsequent Order in Council.

(3.) Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of section ten of the said Act, or of section five of the Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Act, 1902, or of section three of the Cook and other Islands Government Act Amendment Act, 1903.

(4.) On and after the coming into force of this Act in the said Islands there shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, be levied and collected in the said Islands, in addition to all other duties imposed by this Act, the duties of Customs following, that is to say:—

On sugar, whether imported from New Zealand or elsewhere, if entered in the said Islands on or after the first day of November, nineteen hundred and seven, a duty of one half-penny for every pound:

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On cotton piece-goods (except calico), linen piece-goods, and piece-goods of mixed cotton and linen, whether imported from New Zealand or elsewhere, if entered in the said Islands after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and seven, a duty of ten per centum *ad valorem* :

Provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor by Order in Council at any time to reduce or remit the duties so imposed upon the said goods or upon any class of the same, and so long as such Order in Council remains in force the said duties shall be reduced or remitted accordingly.

Goods delivered on security subject to duties in force at time of delivery.

15. All goods delivered upon a deposit or other security for duty before the passing of this Act shall be liable to the duties in force or deemed by virtue of this Act to have been in force at the time of such delivery.

Printing-paper exempt in certain cases.

16. (1.) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, printing paper imported by and for the use of the proprietor of any registered newspaper shall be exempt from the duty imposed thereon by Schedule E hereto\*, if imported and entered for home consumption on or before the last day of December, nineteen hundred and seven, if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Collector that such paper was imported under a valid contract entered into before the sixteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and three, for the supply of such paper for a period not exceeding three years.

(2.) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, raw cotton shall be exempt from duty if imported and entered for home consumption on or before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and eight, if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Collector that such cotton was imported under a valid contract entered into before the thirteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and seven.

**PART II.****MISCELLANEOUS.**

Governor may determine duty to be paid when article imported is substitute for other article.

17. (1.) The Governor may from time to time direct that any article imported into New Zealand, which in the opinion of the Minister of Customs is a substitute for some other article, or which in the opinion of the said Minister possesses such properties that it can be used or is intended to be used for a

\* The additional rates of duty provided for in Schedule E are incorporated in the rate of duty shown under Schedules A and B.

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purpose similar to that for which some other article is used, shall be admitted to entry either at a rate to be fixed by the Governor in proportion to the degree in which it approximates in its properties or uses to such other article, or free of duty if such other article is free of duty.

(2.) Section seventeen of the Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1888, is hereby repealed. Repeal.

18. Whenever an article is imported in mechanical combination or connection with an article bearing a lower rate of duty, or with an article free of duty, the Collector may refuse the admission of such composite article at any rate other than the highest rate chargeable on any of the mechanically combined or connected articles taken separately; but the Minister of Customs may, at his discretion, permit a separate classification of each article, or may admit the whole article under such heading of the Tariff as appears to him just. Duty payable when separate articles are imported in mechanical combination.

19. Notwithstanding anything in this Act or in any other Act relating to the Customs, the Collector may admit absolute alcohol, spirits of wine, and spirits, for scientific, medicinal, perfumery, and toilet purposes, and also trade samples and presents from abroad to residents in New Zealand, in packages of any size, and at a duty calculated upon the actual quantity or weight in cases where such duty is leviable by quantity or weight. Duty on trade samples, &c., may be calculated upon actual quantity or weight thereof.

20. Whenever an article is imported which bears a proprietary name, or which has a composition which is not clearly disclosed on the label of the package, and it is, in the opinion of the Collector, necessary for the purpose of ascertaining the duty payable to have such article analysed, the fee for such analysis shall be such as the Minister of Customs may direct, and shall be paid by the importer. Certain articles may be analysed for purpose of ascertaining duty, and fee for analysis paid by importer.

21. (1.) All goods not produced or manufactured in New Zealand shall, on reimportation into New Zealand, whether duty was paid upon them on their first importation or not, be liable to the same duties, rules, regulations, and restrictions as if then imported for the first time. Duty on goods reimported into New Zealand and not the produce or manufacture of New Zealand.

Provided that goods subject to *ad valorem* rates of duty which are temporarily exported from New Zealand for repairs or otherwise may be admitted to entry on being returned to New Zealand at a duty calculated upon the cost of such repairs, or upon

§ This repealed section relates to the imposition of duties on substitutes for other articles.

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such value as may be lawfully assessed, if satisfactory proof is produced to the Collector of the exportation of the goods, and that the goods have not been absent from New Zealand for more than two years from the date of exportation.

Duty when  
reimported goods  
are produce or  
manufacture of  
New Zealand.

(2.) All goods the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, brought back into New Zealand, and being of such a kind that if produced or manufactured elsewhere than in New Zealand they would be liable to any duty of Customs on importation, shall be liable to the same duties, rules, regulations, and restrictions as goods of the like kind produced or manufactured in England, unless the same are brought back within five years from the time of the exportation thereof, and it is proved to the satisfaction of the Collector that they are the produce or manufacture of New Zealand, in which case the same may be entered by bill of store containing such particulars as the Minister of Customs may direct.

(3.) All goods so entered shall be delivered free of duty, except where a duty is payable in New Zealand on the like goods produced or manufactured in New Zealand upon delivery for home consumption, in which case the same duties as are at the time of the return of the goods to New Zealand leviable on such goods shall be paid.

(4.) Where a drawback has been obtained on exportation from New Zealand on any goods produced or manufactured in New Zealand, such goods shall, upon return to New Zealand, be liable for an amount of duty equal to the drawback payable on exportation of the like goods at the time of such return.

Repeal.

(5.) Section ninety-one of the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, is hereby repealed.\*

Medicinal preparations may be otherwise classified by Minister in certain cases.

22. The Minister of Customs may classify any medicinal preparation or any preparation claimed to be a medicinal preparation under any other heading of the Tariff, if in his judgment such preparation is fit for use or can be easily rendered fit for use as a beverage, flavouring-essence, toilet preparation, perfumed spirit, or as an article or spirituous ingredient in an article subject to a higher rate of duty than a medicinal preparation.

\* This repealed section relates to the entry by bill of store of New Zealand goods returned.

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23. Where any dispute arises as to the true meaning and application of any terms used in the Tariff and therein printed in italics, the Minister of Customs may determine such dispute in such manner as appears to him just, and his decision thereon shall be final.

*Minister to decide disputes as to interpretation of Tariff.*

24. Section twenty-four of the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "such premises" the words "upon payment of such fee, and."§

*Section 24 of Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, amended.*

25. In the event of any bonded or manufacturing warehouse, sugar refinery, or other premises for which an annual fee has been paid being destroyed or closed, the Collector may refund a proportion of such fee, calculated from the time at which the premises were so destroyed or closed until the end of the year for which the fee was paid.

*Refund of part of fee if bonded warehouse, &c., destroyed.*

26. (1.) Where printed matter liable to Customs duty is included in any mail, whether addressed to separate individuals or not, duty shall be paid on such matter (including the envelope or other covering) before its delivery from the post-office.

*Duty on printed matter to be paid before delivery.*

(2.) If such printed matter has been posted to the order of any person in New Zealand, or of any person having an agent in New Zealand, the said duty shall be payable by such person or agent, and in any other case the said duty shall be payable by the person who posted the said printed matter, or by his agent (if any) in New Zealand.

*By whom such duty payable.*

(3.) The Postmaster shall notify the person or agent so liable as aforesaid, if his name and address are known to the Postmaster, that such printed matter is detained pending payment of the duty.

*Notice by Postmaster.*

(4.) If duty is not paid on any such printed matter within six months after the arrival thereof, it may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the Minister of Customs directs.

*Minister may dispose of such printed matter if duty not paid within six months.*

27. (1.) Where goods are sent to New Zealand for direct or ultimate delivery to any specified person in New Zealand, such person shall be deemed to be an importer of the goods, notwithstanding that he may not be possessed of or beneficially interested in the goods at the time of importation or while they are in the control of the officers of Customs, and the definition of "importer" in section two of the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, is hereby extended accordingly.

*Definition of "importer" extended.*

§ This Section refers to the delivery of sugar for refining.

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(2.) Where in respect of any goods there are more importers than one, the Collector shall have the same power with regard to all of them as he has with regard to the importer by or on whose behalf entry is offered or passed.

How value computed  
of goods liable to *ad*  
*valorem* duty.

28. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in section thirty-nine of the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, it is hereby declared that where entry is offered or made of any goods liable to *ad valorem* duty in respect of which goods any agreement or arrangement, whether provisional or complete, for delivery thereof, after clearance at the Customs, to any purchaser in New Zealand has theretofore been made, the true and real value of goods the subject of the entry shall be deemed to be the amount paid or to be paid therefor by the New Zealand purchaser, less a fair allowance for freight and insurance and duty (if any), to be assessed by the Collector of the port at which such entry is presented, and with an addition of ten per centum of the said amount after deducting the said allowance.

(2.) In cases where the amount paid or to be paid by the New Zealand purchaser cannot be immediately ascertained, the true and real value shall be assessed by the Collector at such sum as he determines to be the fair market value in New Zealand of the goods, less such fair allowance as aforesaid, and with an addition of ten per centum of the said market value after deducting the said allowance.

(3.) Assessments made by the Collector under this section shall be final and conclusive.

Declaration by  
agent when making  
entry.

29. Every person making an entry in respect of goods to be delivered by such person shall at the time of entry deliver to the Collector a correct list of the persons to whom and the places at which the goods are to be delivered, and shall declare to such list, and such declaration shall form part of the entry.

Provisions as to  
goods delivered  
under contract of  
sale.

30. (1.) Nothing in the three last preceding sections shall apply to goods delivered in pursuance of a *bona fide* contract of sale made in New Zealand between the purchaser and an importer carrying on business in New Zealand, unless such importer in so selling the goods acts as the agent of some other person.

(2.) For the purposes of this section no person shall be deemed to carry on business in New Zealand merely because he has an agent in New Zealand.

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(3.) If any dispute arises as to whether any person carries on business in New Zealand within the meaning of this section, such dispute shall be referred to the Minister of Customs, whose decision shall be final.

31. This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with the Customs Laws Consolidation Act, 1882, and the several Acts incorporated therewith; but these Acts shall, in so far as they conflict with this Act, be construed subject to this Act. Act to be incorporated with Customs Acts.

32. The following enactments and parts of Acts Repeals. are hereby repealed, that is to say:—

Sections two to five and Schedule A of the Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1888;\*

Sections two to four and Schedules A and B of the Customs and Excise Duties Act, 1895;\* and

Sections two and three and Schedules A and B of the Customs Duties Amendment Act, 1900.\*

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\* These Sections and Schedules relate to the imposition of various rates of duty.

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## CUSTOMS TARIFF.

## IMPORT DUTIES.

NOTE.—The headings of the respective classes in Schedules A and B are used solely for convenience of classification, and shall not in any way affect the interpretation of the Tariff.

The word "iron" includes steel, or steel and iron combined.

Neither steam-engines, nor parts of steam-engines, nor boilers (land or marine), nor feed-water heaters, fuel-economizers, steam superheaters, or mechanical stokers are included in the expression "machines" or "machinery" as used in the Tariff.

## SCHEDULE A.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.                         |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|--|---|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.                            | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS I.<br><i>Food and Articles for Human Consumption.</i>   |  |   |                    |   |
| Bacon and hams... the lb.   | 2d.  | 2d.   | 2d.                | 2d.   |
| Biscuits, ships', plain and unsweetened; also dog biscuits ... the cwt.   | Dog biscuits } 20 % ad val.<br>other 3s. } |   | 3s. 7½d.*          | 3s.   |
| Biscuits, other kinds ... the lb.   | 2d.  | 2d.   | 3½d.*              | 2d.   |
| Candied peel and drained peel the lb.   | 3d.  | 3d.   | 5½d.*              | 3d.   |
| Confectionery n.o.c., including medicated lozenges, medicated confectionery, boiled sugars, liquorice not otherwise enumerated, sugared or crystallized fruits ... the lb.† | 2d.  | 2d.   | 2½d.*              | 2d.   |
| Chocolate confectionery and confectionery containing chocolate :—   |  |   |                    |   |
| 1. In plain trade packages the lb.  | 3d.  | 3d.   | 3½d.*              | 3d.   |
| 2. In fancy packages, or in small packages for retail sale, ad val.   | 20 %                                       | 20 %  | 24 %*              | 20 %  |

NOTE.—For explanation of some of the articles being printed in italics, see Sec. 23, page 15.

\* The rate of duty given under the "General Tariff" will not come into force until after the 31st March, 1908. Up to that date the lower or preferential rate of duty will be levied on goods of both British and Foreign manufacture.

† The new Tariff provides that the weight of the packages shall include internal containing packages (other than plain bottles and plain trade packages).

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| Names of Articles   | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty.                          |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|
|   | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions                                  | General Tariff.                             | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions |
| <b>CLASS I.—<i>continued.</i></b>   |   |   |   |  |
| Fish, dried, pickled or salted, not otherwise enumerated the cwt.   | 10s.  | 10s.  | 15s.*                                       | 10s.   |
| Fish, potted and preserved, the lb., including any liquor, oil or sauce ...   | 3d.   | 2d.   | 3d.†  | 2d.  |
| Note.—It is stated in the new Tariff that the term "fish" is used in its widest sense, and includes shell-fish, crustaceans and other foods obtained from the fisheries.  |   |   |   |  |
| Fruits, dried—viz., figs, currants and raisins ... the lb.  | 1d.   | 1d.   | 1d. to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free.    |  |
| Fruits, dried—viz., figs, dates and prunes ... the lb.  | 2d.   | 2d.   | 2d. to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free.    |  |
| Fruits, dried, not otherwise enumerated ... the lb.   |   |   |   |  |
| Fruits, fresh—viz., apples, pears, plums, cherries, peaches, nectarines, medlars, apricots, quinces, tomatoes, and grapes ... the lb.<br>(No duty exceeding ½d. the lb. to be levied on apples and pears on and from the 14th July to and including 31st December.) | Grapes not tariffed, other 1d.  | Grapes not tariffed, other 1d.  | 1d.   | 1d.  |
| Fruits, fresh—viz., currants, raspberries, gooseberries, blackberries, strawberries, and lemons the lb.   | ½d.   | ½d.   | ½d.   | ½d.  |
| Fruit-pulp, partially preserved fruit, fruit preserved by sulphurous acid, unsweetened and not otherwise enumerated ... the lb.   | Preserved by sulphurous acid 1d., other 1½d.<br>Glucose 1d., brewers' caramel 3d., other caramel 15 % ad val. 2d. | Preserved by sulphurous acid 1d., other 1½d.<br>Glucose 1d., brewers' caramel 3d., other caramel 15 % ad val. 2d. | 1½d.  | 1½d.   |
| Glucose and caramel ... the lb.   | 2d.   | 2d.   | 1d.   | 1d.  |
| Honey ... the lb.   |   |   | 2d.   | 2d.  |
| Jams, jellies, marmalade, and preserves, the lb. or package of that reputed weight, whichever rate is higher, and so in proportion for packages of greater or less reputed weight...  | 2d.   | 2d.   | 2½d.*                                       | 2d.  |
| Jellies, concentrated ... the lb.   | 4d.   | 4d.   | 4½d.*                                       | 4d.  |
| Maizena, and cornflour... the lb.   | ½d.   | ½d.   | ½d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free. |  |

\* The rate of duty given under the "General Tariff" will not come into force until after the 31st March, 1908. Up to that date the lower or preferential rate of duty will be levied on goods of both British and Foreign manufacture.

† Except sardines, which are dutiable at 2d. per lb.

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles  | Old Rates of Duty.                           |  | New Rates of Duty.                          |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|
|  | General Tariff.                              | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions | General Tariff.                             | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions |
| CLASS I.—continued.  |  |  |   |  |
| Mustard... .. the lb.  | 2d.  | 2d.  | 2d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free. |  |
| Nuts—namely, walnuts, shelled or unshelled ... .. the lb.  | 2d.  | 2d.  | 2d.   | 2d.  |
| Pearl barley ... .. the cwt.   | 1s.  | 1s.  | 1s.   | 1s.  |
| Peas, split ... .. the cwt.  | 2s.  | 2s.  | 2s.   | 2s.  |
| Pickles ... .. the gallon  | 3s.  | 3s.  | 3s.   | 3s.  |
| Sauces, catsup, and chutney the gallon   | Chutney, and catsup 20 % ad val.; sauces 4s. |  | 4s.   | 4s.  |
| Soy, in vessels of 10 gallons capacity or under ... .. the gallon  | In bulk, 15 % ad val.; other, 4s.            |  | 4s.   | 4s.  |
| Spices, ground, not otherwise enumerated, including pepper, pimento, and olive-stones, ground the lb.    | 4d.  | 4d.  | 2½d.*                                       | 2d.  |
| Spices, unground, including chillies, pepper, and pimento, unground the lb.                              | 2d.  | 2d.  | 2d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free. |  |
| Sugar ... .. the lb.   | ½d.  | ½d.  | ½d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free. | ½d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free.                                      |
| Treacle and molasses ... the lb.   | ½d.  | ½d.  | ½d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free. | ½d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free.                                      |
| Vinegar, not exceeding 6·5 per cent. of acidity, calculated as acetic acid the gallon                    | 6d.  | 6d.  | 7½l.*                                       | 6d.  |
| Capers, carraway seeds, caviare, cayenne pepper, curry powder, and paste, fish paste, olives ... ad val. | Caviare 2d. the lb.; other 20 %              |  | 20 %  | 20 %   |
| Lard and refined animal fats, not otherwise enumerated ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %   | 30 %*                                       | 20 %   |
| Meats, potted or preserved ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %   | 30 %*                                       | 20 %   |
| Provisions, not otherwise enumerated ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %   | 30 %*                                       | 20 %   |
| Vegetables, fresh, dried, or preserved ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %   | 30 %*                                       | 20 %   |

\* The rate of duty given under the "General Tariff" will not come into force until after the 31st March, 1908. Up to that date the lower or preferential rate of duty will be levied on goods of both British and Foreign production or manufacture.

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| Names of Articles  | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|--|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
|  | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS I.—<i>continued.</i></b>  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Fruits, preserved in juice or syrup ad val.<br>(It is stated in the new Tariff that fruits, preserved in juice, or syrup, fortified with alcohol to any extent exceeding 33 per cent. of proof spirit, shall be charged 16s. per proof gallon on such juice or syrup, in addition to 25 per cent. ad valorem on the total value of the goods.) | 25 %               | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Milk or cream, preserved, evaporated, or dried... .. ad val.   | Preserved 25%      | Preserved 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| <b>CLASS II.</b><br><i>Tobacco.</i>  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Cigarettes, not exceeding in weight 2½ lb. per 1,000 ... the 1,000   | 17s. 6d.†          | 17s. 6d.†   | 17s. 6d.           | 17s. 6d.  |
| Cigarettes, not otherwise enumerated the lb.   |                    |   | 7s.                | 7s.   |
| Cigars, including the weight of every band, wrapper, or attachment to any cigar ... .. the lb.   | 7s.                | 7s.   | 7s.                | 7s.   |
| Snuff ... .. the lb.   | 7s.                | 7s.   | 7s.                | 7s.   |
| Tobacco, including the weight of every label, tag or other attachment the lb.  | 8s. 6d.            | 3s. 6d.   | 3s. 6d.            | 3s. 6d.   |
| Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be manufactured in New Zealand in any licensed tobacco manufactory, for manufacturing purposes only, into tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, or snuff ... .. the lb.   | 2s.                | 2s.   | 2s.                | 2s.   |
| <b>CLASS III.</b><br><i>Alcoholic Beverages and Material for making the Same.</i>  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Ale, beer of all sorts, porter, cider and perry, when containing more than 2 per cent. of proof spirit; the gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles or the equivalent in bottles of a larger or smaller reputed quantity ... .. the gallon  | 2s.‡               | 2s.‡  | 2s.                | 2s.   |

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† And for all weight in excess of 2½ lbs. per 1,000, 6d. the oz.

‡ Irrespective of strength.

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Names of Articles   | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS III.— <i>continued.</i>   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Cordials, bitters, and liqueurs, when exceeding the strength of 33 per cent. of proof spirit, but not exceeding the strength of proof   |                    |   |                    |   |
| the liquid gallon   | 16s.*              | 16s.*   | 16s.               | 16s.  |
| Cordials, bitters, and liqueurs, when exceeding the strength of proof   | 16s. the liquid    | 16s. the liquid   | 16s.               | 16s.  |
| the proof gallon  | gall.*             | gall.*  |                    |   |
| Hops ... .. the lb.   | 9d.                | 6d.   | 9d.                | 6d.   |
| Maize, flaked ... .. the bushel   | Not tarified.      |   | 1s.                | 1s.   |
| Malt, whole or ground ... the bushel  | 2s.                | 2s.   | 2s.                | 2s.   |
| Rice malt ... .. the lb.  | 1d.                | 1d.   | 1d.                | 1d.   |
| Solid wort ... .. the lb.   | 6d.                | 6d.   | 6d.                | 6d.   |
| Spirits and spirituous mixtures, the strength of which can be ascertained by Sykes's hydrometer or other instrument, the proof gallon   | 16s.               | 16s.  | 16s.               | 16s.  |
| (No allowance beyond 16·5 under proof shall be made for spirits or spirituous mixtures of a less strength than 16·5 under proof.)   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Spirits and spirituous mixtures, sweetened, not otherwise enumerated, when not exceeding the strength of proof ... .. the liquid gallon   | 16s.               | 16s.  | 16s.               | 16s.  |
| Spirits and spirituous mixtures, sweetened, not otherwise enumerated, when exceeding the strength of proof ... .. the proof gallon  | 16s.               | 16s.  | 16s.               | 16s.  |
| Spirits and spirituous mixtures, in bottles or jars in cases, shall be charged as follows, viz. — Two gallons and under as two gallons, over two gallons and not exceeding three as three gallons, over three gallons and not exceeding four as four gallons, and so on for any greater quantity contained in any case. |                    |   |                    |   |
| Spirits and spirituous mixtures, containing more than 33 per cent. of proof spirit, in combination with other ingredients, and although thereby coming under any other designation excepting medicinal preparations otherwise enumerated  |                    |   |                    |   |
| the liquid gallon   | 16s.               | 16s.  | 16s.               | 16s.  |

\* Irrespective of strength.

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.                                 |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|--|--|---|--------------------|---|
|  | General Tariff.                                    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS III.— <i>continued.</i>  |  |   |                    |   |
| Wine.—The term “wine” as applied to the new Tariff includes medicated wine or wine mixed with food; also such spirituous beverages and fluid foods, containing less than 33 per cent. of proof spirit, as may be so decided by the Minister. |  |   |                    |   |
| Wine, Australian, containing not more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit; the gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles, or the equivalent in bottles of a larger or smaller reputed quantity ... the gallon                                   | Containing not more than 35 % of proof spirit, 5s. |   | 5s.                | 5s.   |
| Wine, other than sparkling and Australian, containing not more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit; the gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles, or the equivalent in bottles of a larger or smaller reputed quantity ... the gallon          | 6s.  | 6s.   | 6s.                | 6s.   |
| Wine, sparkling, containing not more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit; the gallon, or for six reputed quart bottles, or the equivalent in bottles of a larger or smaller reputed quantity ... the gallon                                    | 9s.†   | 9s.†  | 9s.                | 9s.   |
| Wine of any kind containing more than 40 per cent. of proof spirit the liquid gallon   | Not tariffed.                                      |   | 16s.               | 16s.  |
| CLASS IV.  |  |   |                    |   |
| <i>Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Materials for making same.</i>  |  |   |                    |   |
| Chicory ... the lb.  | 3d.  | 3d.   | 3d.*               | 3d.   |
| Cocoa and chocolate, including cocoa-beans roasted and crushed; also cocoa or chocolate mixed with milk or any other food substance whatsoever ... the lb.   | 3d.  | 3d.   | 3d.*               | 3d.   |
| Coffee, roasted ... the lb.  | 3d.  | 3d.   | 3d.*               | 3d.   |
| Tea, n.o.e.† ... the lb.   | 2d.  | 2d.   | 2d.*               | 2d.†  |

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† See Class IV., Schedule B, for tea in bulk.

‡ Irrespective of strength.

## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.   |   | New Rates of Duty.                          |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
|   | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                             | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS IV.—continued.  |  |   |   |   |
| Aerated and mineral waters, effervescing beverages, and beverages not otherwise enumerated... ad val.                                     | 20 %   | 20 %  | 20 %  | 20 %  |
| Coffee, essence of, and essence of coffee with milk or any other food substance ... ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %  | 30 %*                                       | 20 %  |
| Fruit juices or imitation fruit juices, unsweetened, in containers of less than ten gallons capacity ... ad val.                          | Not tariffed.  |   | 30 %*                                       | 20 %  |
| Fruit juices or imitation fruit juices, sweetened; syrups; raspberry vinegar, sweetened ... ad val.                                       |  |   | 30 %*                                       | 20 %  |
|   | Syrups, lime or lemon juice sweetened, and raspberry vinegar, 25 % |   |   |   |
| CLASS V.  |  |   |   |   |
| <i>Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, and Druggists' Sundries.</i>  |  |   |   |   |
| Acid, acetic, containing not more than 30 per cent. of acidity ...the lb.   | 1½d.   | 1½d.  | 1½d.  | 1½d.  |
| Acid, acetic, containing more than 80 per cent. of acidity, for every 10 per cent. of acidity or fraction thereof the lb.                 | ½d.  | ½d.   | ½d.   | ½d.   |
| Acid, tartaric ... the lb.  | 1d.  | 1d.   | 1d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free. |   |
| Cream of tartar ... the lb.   | 1½d.   | 1d.   | 1½d. up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free | 1d. up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free  |
| Essences flavouring, containing more than 33 per cent. of proof spirit the liquid gallon  | 16s.   | 16s.  | 16s.  | 16s.  |
| Medicinal preparations (excepting medicated wines or wines mixed with food), containing more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit ...the lb. | 1s. per lb. or 15 % ad val.  | 1s. per lb. or 15 % ad val.   | 1s.   | 1s.   |
| Opium ... the lb.   | £2   | £2  | £2  | £2  |
| Saccharin not otherwise enumerated, including substances of a like nature or use ... the ounce  | 1s. 6d.  | 1s. 6d.   | 1s. 6d.                                     | 1s. 6d.   |
| Soda, bicarbonate ... the cwt.  | 1s.  | 1s.   | 1s. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free. |   |
| Soda-crystals ... the cwt.  | 2s.  | 2s.   | 2s. 4½d.*                                   | 2s.   |
| Baking-powder; yeast preparations, and other ferments; also yeast foods ... ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %  | 30 %*                                       | 20 %  |

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## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty.                           |   |
|--|--------------------|---|--|---|
|  | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                              | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS V.—continued.</b>   |                    |   |  |   |
| <i>Chemicals, and chemical preparations, not otherwise enumerated, including photographic chemicals not otherwise enumerated; also anti-incrustation, boiler and other compounds ... ..</i> ad val.  | 15 %†              | 15 %†   | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| <i>Essences, flavouring, not otherwise enumerated ... ..</i> ad val.   | 15 %               | 15 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| <i>Eucalyptus oil in bulk or bottle</i> ad val.  | 20 %               | 20 %  | 20 %   | 20 %  |
| <i>Glycerine, refined ... ..</i> ad val.   | 20 %               | 20 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| <i>Medicinal preparations, drugs, and druggists' sundries, and apothecaries' wares, not otherwise enumerated; also aerated water makers', and cordial manufacturers', and brewers' drugs, chemicals, and other sundries, not otherwise enumerated ... ..</i> ad val. | 15 %†              | 15 %†   | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| <i>Medicinal preparations (excepting medicated wines or wines mixed with food) containing 50 per cent. of proof spirit or less ... ..</i> ad val.  | 15 %               | 15 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| <i>Saccharin, in the form of tablets, pillules, granules, or cachets, each containing not more than <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> grain of saccharin in combination with at least 10 per cent. of alkali</i> ad val.  | 15 %               | 15 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| <b>CLASS VI.</b>   |                    |   |  |   |
| <i>Clothing and Textile Goods.</i>   |                    |   |  |   |
| <i>Cotton, raw ... ..</i> the lb.  | Free               | Free  | 4d.†   | 4d.†  |
| <i>Cotton piece-goods, to include turkey twills, dress prints (hard spun and plain-woven), where the invoice value does not exceed 4d. per yard; and cotton piece-goods not otherwise enumerated ... ..</i> ad val.  | 10 %               | 10 %  | 10 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free. | 10 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free.                                      |

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† Water-hardening chemicals for brewers' use and food preservatives, n.o.e., free.

‡ Raw cotton may be imported free of duty up to 1st January, 1908, provided that it is proved to the satisfaction of the Collector that such cotton is imported under a valid contract entered into before 13th September, 1907. See sec. 16(2), p. 12.

## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.               |   | New Rates of Duty.                          |   |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
|  | General Tariff.                  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                             | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS VI.—continued.   |                                  |   |   |   |
| All articles not otherwise enumerated, made of textile, felt, or other piece-goods, or of any combination of the same, wholly or partly, made up or manufactured, and not apparel or clothing either wholly or partly made up ... ..ad val.  | 25 %                             | 25 %  | 20 %  | 20 %  |
| Cotton piece-goods—viz., tapestry, cretonnes; chintz art crêpe and serges; velveteens, velvets and plushes, all kinds; damasks; moquette; sateens; linenettes; crepons; crimps; zeyhyrs; gingham; turkey twills; prints; printed cottons; piques; vestings; quiltings and marcellas; muslins of all kinds; nets; window-nets; hollands, curtains and blinds; diapers; ticks, including coloured Belgian; towellings... ..ad val. | 20 %                             | 20 %  | 20 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free | 20 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free                                       |
| Drapery not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.   | 20 %                             | 20 %  | 20 %  | 20 %  |
| Flags ... ..ad val.  | Ships, free; other 20 % and 25 % | Ships, free; other 20 % and 25 %  | 20 %  | 20 %  |
| Forfar, dowlas, and flax sheeting, in the piece, not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.  | 20 %                             | 20 %  | 20 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free | 20 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free                                       |
| Haberdashery not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.  | 20 %                             | 20 %  | 20 %  | 20 %  |
| Lace and laces, not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.   | Of cotton 20 %, other 25 %       | Of cotton 20 %, other 25 %  | 25 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter 20 % | 25 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter 20 %                                       |
| Linens, and unions of cotton and linen, in the piece, not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.   | 20 %                             | 20 %  | 20 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free | 20 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free                                       |
| Ribbons and crape, all kinds ...ad val.  | 25 %                             | 25 %  | 25 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter 20 % | 25 % up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter 20 %                                       |
| Rugs, woollen, cotton, opossum, or other ... ..ad val.   | 20 %                             | 20 %  | 20 %  | 20 %  |
| Silks, satins, velvets, plushes, not otherwise enumerated, composed of pure silk, or of silk mixed with any other material, in the piece ...ad val.  | 25 %                             | 25 %  | 25 % up to 31st Dec., 1907,*                | 25 % up to 31st Dec., 1907*   |

\* Thereafter to be classed under the next item "Textile piece goods, n.o.e."

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty.  |   |
|---|--------------------|---|---------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.     | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS VI.—continued.</b>   |                    |   |                     |   |
| Textile piece goods not otherwise enumerated, including imitation silks, composed of any material or substance whatsoever ...ad val.  | 20 %               | 20 %  | 20 %                | 20 %  |
| Umbrellas, parasols and sunshades ad val.   | 20 %               | 20 %  | 20 %                | 20 %  |
| Yarns not otherwise enumerated ad val.  | 20 %               | 20 %  | 20 %                | 20 %  |
| Apparel and ready-made clothing, not otherwise enumerated ...ad val.  | 25 %               | 25 %  | 25 %                | 25 %  |
| Feathers, ornamental (including ostrich); artificial flowers, leaves, and sprays ... ad val.  | 25 %               | 25 %  | 25 %                | 25 %  |
| Furs and fur trimmings ...ad val.   | 25 %               | 25 %  | 25 %                | 25 %  |
| Hats of all kinds (including straw hats), also caps ... ad val.   | 25 %               | 25 %  | 25 %                | 25 %  |
| Hosiery not otherwise enumerated ad val.  | 20 %               | 20 %  | 25 %                | 25 %  |
| Millinery of all kinds, including trimmed hats, caps and bonnets ad val.  | 25 %               | 25 %  | 25 %                | 25 %  |
| Apparel made to the order, or measurement, of residents in the colony, and intended for the individual use of such residents, whether imported by the residents themselves or otherwise ... ad val. | 40 %               | 40 %  | 40 %                | 40 %  |
| Apparel—viz., Volunteer clothing made to measurements sent from New Zealand... ad val.  | 40 %               | 40 %  | 40 %                | 40 %  |
| <b>CLASS VII.</b>   |                    |   |                     |   |
| <i>Leather and Manufactures of Leather.</i>   |                    |   |                     |   |
| Boots, shoes, clogs, and pattens, not otherwise enumerated, viz.—   |                    |   |                     |   |
| Men's, above size No. 5 the pair and ad val.  | 33½ %              | 22½ %   | 2s. 3d. and 22½ % * | 1s. 6d. and 15 % *  |
| Youth's, above size No. 1, the pair and ad val.   |                    |   | 1s. 6d. and 22½ % * | 1s. and 15 % *  |
| Boys', No. 7 to 1, both inclusive, the pair and ad val.   |                    |   | 9d. and 22½ % *     | 6d. and 15 % *  |
| Women's, above size No. 1, the pair and ad val.   |                    |   | 1s. 6d. and 22½ % * | 1s. and 15 % *  |
| Girls', Nos. 7 to 1 both inclusive, the pair and ad val.  |                    |   | 9d. and 22½ % *     | 6d. and 15 % *  |
| Other kinds ... the pair and ad val.  |                    |   | 1s. 6d. and 22½ % * | 1s. and 15 % *  |

\* From October 31st, 1907. Prior to that date the old rates of duty were imposed.

## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.                  |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
|  | General Tariff.                     | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS VII.—continued.  |                                     |   |                    |   |
| <i>Slippers</i> (not including lawn tennis and gymnasium shoes, soled with indiarubber or felt ... the pair and ad val.  |                                     |   | 9d. and 2½ %*      | 6d. and 15 %*   |
| <i>Slippers</i> of felt, with carpet, twine or felt soles ... ..ad val.  |                                     |   | 33½ %              | 22½ %   |
| Shoes or goloshes known as " <i>Plimsolls</i> ," with moulded indiarubber soles ... ..ad val.  | 33½ %                               | 22½ %   | 33½ %              | 22½ %   |
| <i>Champion</i> , gymnasium, yachting, and lawn tennis boots, and shoes, with moulded indiarubber soles ...ad val.   |                                     |   | 33½ %              | 22½ %   |
| <i>Goloshes</i> and <i>overshoes</i> of all kinds, of rubber ... ..ad val.   |                                     |   | 33½ %              | 22½ %   |
| Shoettes and sandals, not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.   |                                     |   | 33½ %              | 22½ %   |
| Leather—   |                                     |   |                    |   |
| Leather belting, belt leather, harness, welting, bridle, strap, legging, bag, and kip other than East India ... ..the lb.  | Welting and strap, 1d; other, 4d.   | Welting and strap, 1d.; other, 4d.  | 4d.                | 4d.   |
| All <i>hide leathers dressed</i> , not otherwise enumerated ... ..the lb.  |                                     |   | 3d.                | 3d.   |
| (Note.—It is stated in the new Tariff that any leathers not otherwise enumerated (1) either dressed in sides, or pieces of whatever size, or (2) if in <i>whole skins</i> over 16 ft., are to be classed as hide leather.) | 2d. and 3d.                         | 2d. and 3d.   |                    |   |
| Calf skins, being <i>whole skins</i> , however dressed, and 16 ft. spread and under ... ..the lb.  |                                     |   | 1d.                | 1d.   |
| Sheepskins, and Lambskins, however dressed, not otherwise enumerated ... ..the lb.   |                                     |   | 3d.                | 3d.   |
| East India kip, dressed ...the lb.   | 2d.                                 | 2d.   | 1d.                | 1d.   |
| Sole, pump, and skirt leather...the lb.  | Sole, 2d.                           | Sole, 2d.   | 2d.                | 2d.   |
| Leather, dressed, not otherwise enumerated, including kangaroo, and wallabi ... ..the lb.  | Kangaroo & Wallabi, 2d.; other, 1d. | Kangaroo & Wallabi, 2d.; other, 1d.   | 1d.                | 1d.   |
| Leather board or compo ...the lb.  | 4d.                                 | 4d.   | 4d.                | 4d.   |
| Leather bags, and leather cloth bags, not otherwise enumerated ...ad val.  | 20 %                                | 20 %  | 30 %†              | 20 %  |
| Leather, chamols ... ..ad val.   | 20 %                                | 20 %  | 30 %†              | 20 %  |

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DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.              |   | New Rates of Duty.                            |   |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
|   | General Tariff.                 | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                               | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS VII.—<i>continued.</i></b>   |                                 |   |   |   |
| Leather manufactures, not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.  | 20 %                            | 20 %  | 30 %*   | 20 %  |
| Saddlery and harness; whips and whip thongs ... ..ad val.   | 20 %                            | 20 %  | 30 %*   | 20 %  |
| Heel plates, and toe stiffeners, and toe plates ... ..ad val.   | 22½ %                           | 22½ %   | 33½ %*  | 22½ %   |
| Laces, vamps and uppers; also clog and patten soles ... ..ad val.   | 33½ %                           | 22½ %   | 33½ %*  | 22½ %   |
| Leather cut into shapes ... ..ad val.   | 22½ %                           | 22½ %   | 33½ %*  | 22½ %   |
| Leather leggings ... ..ad val.  | 22½ %                           | 22½ %   | 33½ %*  | 22½ %   |
| Portmanteaux; trunks, travelling bags, and brief bags, of leather or leather cloth, 10 in. in length and upwards, and carpet bags ...ad val.      | 25 %                            | 25 %  | 37½ %*  | 25 %  |
| <b>CLASS VIII.</b>  |                                 |   |   |   |
| <i>Furniture and Household Furnishing.</i>  |                                 |   |   |   |
| Basketware and Wickerware, not otherwise enumerated, and not being furniture ... ..ad val.  | 30 %†                           | 20 %†   | 30 %  | 20 %  |
| Carpets; druggets; floorcloth; mats; matting; plain and fancy stair oil baize; wood, and fancy oil baize; and oil, and other dado cloths, ad val. | 20 %                            | 20 %  | 20 %  | 20 %  |
| Furniture, knife, and plate powder, and polish; also floor and linoleum polishes, not being varnishes, ad val.                                    | 20 %                            | 20 %  | 30 %*   | 20 %  |
| Furniture, and cabinetware, not otherwise enumerated, and other than iron, or other metal ... ..ad val.   | { Desks, 20 %<br>Other, 37½ % } | { Desks, 20 %<br>Other, 25 % }  | 37½ %   | 25 %  |
| Mantelpieces, other than stone ad val.  | 20 %                            | 20 %  | 37½ %*  | 25 %  |
| Upholstery, not otherwise enumerated ad val.  | 25 %                            | 25 %  | 37½ %   | 25 %  |
| <b>CLASS IX.</b>  |                                 |   |   |   |
| <i>China, Glass and Earthen Goods.</i>  |                                 |   |   |   |
| Glass, crown, sheet, and common window ... 100 superficial feet }   | 3s.                             | 2s.   | { 3s. up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free. | { 2s. up to 31st Dec., 1907, thereafter free                                      |
| Bricks, known as firebricks ...ad val.  | 20 %                            | 20 %  | 30 %*   | 20 %  |
| China, porcelain, and parian ware ad val.   | 30 %                            | 20 %  | 30 %  | 20 %  |

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† Carpenters' baskets, Free.

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles  | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty.                                 |   |
|--|---|---|--|---|
|  | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions.   | General Tariff.                                    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| Drainage pipes, and drainage tiles<br>ad val.  | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| Earthenware, stoneware, and brown-<br>ware ... ..ad val.   | 30 %  | 20 %  | 30 %   | 20 %  |
| Filters ... ..ad val.  | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| Fireclay, ground; and fireclay goods<br>ad val.  | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| Flooring, wall, hearth and garden tiles<br>ad val.   | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| Glass, plate, polished, coloured, and<br>other kinds, not otherwise enumer-<br>ated ... ..ad val.  | 30 %  | 20 %  | 30 % up to 31st<br>Dec., 1907,<br>thereafter free. | 20 % up to 31st<br>Dec., 1907,<br>thereafter free                                 |
| Glassware; globes, and chimneys, for<br>lamps ... ..ad val.  | 30 %  | 20 %  | 30 %   | 20 %  |
| Lamps, lanterns, and lampwick, not<br>otherwise enumerated ...ad val.  | 30 %  | 20 %  | 30 %   | 20 %  |
| Plate glass, bevelled or silvered;<br>mirrors, and looking glasses, framed<br>or unframed ... ..ad val.  | 25 %  | 25 %  | 37½ %*   | 25 %  |
| CLASS X.   |   |   |  |   |
| <i>Fancy Goods, Musical Instruments, &amp;c.</i>   |   |   |  |   |
| Cards, playing ... .. the pack   | 6d.   | 6d.   | 6d.  | 6d.   |
| Perfumed spirits, and Cologne water<br>the liquid gallon   | 30s.  | 30s.  | 30s.   | 30s.  |
| Clocks, time registers, and time<br>detectors ... ..ad val.  | Clocks, 30 %  | Clocks, 20 %  | 30 %   | 20 %  |
| Fancy goods, and toys; also sporting,<br>gaming, and athletic requisites, not<br>otherwise enumerated, including<br>billiard tables, and billiard re-<br>quisites; hair and toilet combs,<br>ad val. | Fancy goods and toys and most billiard requisites, 30 %;<br>billiard tables, 25 %;<br>hair brushes and toilet combs, 20 % | Fancy goods and toys and most billiard requisites, 20 %;<br>billiard tables, 25 %;<br>hair brushes and toilet combs, 20 % | 30 %   | 20 %  |
| Fishing tackle, including artificially<br>baited hooks, other than flies, ad val.  | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*  | 20 %  |
| Jewellery; plate, gold, or silver;<br>plated-ware; greenstone, cut or<br>polished ... ..ad val.  | Plate and plated ware 30 %; other 20 %  | Plate and plated ware, 20 %; other 20 %   | 30 %†  | 20 %  |

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† The duty on greenstone, cut or polished, is 20 %, ad val.

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| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.   |  | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|--|--|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions.      | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS X.— <i>continued.</i>   |  |  |                    |   |
| Lay figures, busts, and dress stands, ad val.   |  | Not tar rified.  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Magic lanterns, bioscopes, cinematographs, kinetoscopes, phonographs, gramophones, graphophones, and the like instruments, including accessories peculiar thereto, n.o.e.; also limelight, and the like apparatus, including accessories peculiar thereto, except magic lantern slides, ad val.   | {<br>Magic lanterns, lenses and slides and bioscopes free, phonographs, &c., 30 %<br>} | {<br>Magic lanterns, lenses and slides and bioscopes free; phonographs, &c., 20 %<br>} | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Mouldings, and panels, in the piece, of either wood, plaster pulp, metal, or other material, for picture frames, cornices, walls, or ceilings ...ad val.  |  |  |                    |   |
| Musical instruments ... ..ad val.   | 15 %<br>Pianos, 30 %;<br>other, 20 %   | 15 %<br>Pianos, 20 %;<br>other, 20 %   | 20 %<br>30 %       | 20 %<br>20 %  |
| Photographic goods, not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Pictures, paintings, drawings, engravings, and photographs, framed or unframed ... ..ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %   | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Picture or photograph frames or mounts ... ..ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| (Note.—It is stated in the new Tariff that any painting, drawing, or photograph, in any medium, having a value for duty exceeding £5, shall be assessed for duty at £5, plus the value of the frame and mounting, if any, and plus the value of the canvas or other material upon which such painting, drawing, or photograph is made.) |  |  |                    |   |
| Statues, statuettes, casts, and bronzes, ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Tobacco pipes and cases, cigar and cigarette holders and cases, cigarette papers and cases ... ..ad val.  | 25 %   | 25 %   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Matches ... ..ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %   | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Walking sticks ... ..ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %   | 30 %               | 20 %  |
| Artificial flies ... ..ad val.  | 25 %   | 25 %   | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Oil, perfumed; also toilet preparations, and perfumery, not otherwise enumerated ... ..ad val.  | 25 %   | 25 %   | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |

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## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.                         |   | New Rates of Duty.                            |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
|  | General Tariff.                            | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                               | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XI.</b>   |  |   |   |   |
| <i>Paper Manufactures and Stationery.</i>  |  |   |   |   |
| Handbills, circulars, programmes, playbills, printed posters, trade catalogues, price-lists, and fashion-plates; printed advertising matter not otherwise enumerated; also paper bags, and wrapping paper or wrappers, of all kinds, printed or lithographed; printed or lithographed envelopes or labels... the lb. | 20 % & 25 %<br>ad val.                     | 20 % & 25 %<br>ad val.  | 3½d.*   | 3d.   |
| (Note.—It is stated in the new tariff that this item shall not apply to trade catalogues or price lists of the goods of firms or persons having no established business in New Zealand.)   |  |   |   |   |
| Ink, writing ... ..  | 20 % ad val.                               | 20 % ad val.  | 3s. per gall.*                                | 2s. per gall.   |
| Paper bags, coarse (including sugar bags) ... .. the cwt.  | 7s. 6d.                                    | 7s. 6d.   | 11s. 3d.*                                     | 7s. 6d.   |
| Paper wrapping all kinds, not printed, including blue candle, glazed cap, glazed casings, small hand, lumber hand, tissue, brown, cartridge, and sugar papers ... .. the cwt.  | 7s. 6d.                                    | 5s.   | 7s. 6d.                                       | 5s.   |
| Paper hangings ... .. ad val   | 22½ %                                      | 15 %  | 22½ % up to 31st Dec., 1907; thereafter free. | 15 % up to 31st Oct., 1907; thereafter free.                                      |
| Cardboard, pasteboard, strawboard, wood-pulp board, corrugated board, and cloth-lined board, not otherwise enumerated ... .. ad val.   | 20 %                                       | 20 %  | 30 %*   | 20 %  |
| Cloth-lined, enamelled, gelatine, and metallic papers, not otherwise enumerated; also "ivorite" not otherwise enumerated ... .. ad val.  | 20 %                                       | 20 %  | 30 %*   | 20 %  |
| Stationery, and writing paper, not otherwise enumerated, also printers' menu, wedding, programme, and mourning cards of cardboard, celluloid, or other material, edged or embossed, but otherwise unprinted, ... .. ad val.  | Stationery and writing paper, n.o.e., 20 % | Stationery and writing paper, n.o.e., 20 %  | 30 %*   | 20 %  |

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DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.       |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
|  | General Tariff.          | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XI.—<i>continued.</i></b>   |                          |   |                    |   |
| Calendars, and showcards, all kinds, ad val.   | 25 %                     | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Cardboard or paper-boxes complete; or cardboard or paper, cut, or shaped, for boxes, wrappers, or other receptacles (including match-boxes), ad val.   | 25 %                     | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Directories of New Zealand, or of any part thereof; also covers for directories ... .. ad val.   | 25 %                     | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Paper bags, not otherwise enumerated, ad val.  | 25 %                     | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Stationery, manufactured, viz.—  |                          |   |                    |   |
| Account-books, manuscript-books, scribbling, and letter blocks, and books, plain, or ruled; bill-head, invoice, and statement forms; printed or ruled paper, counter-books, cheque, and draft forms; tags, labels, not printed or lithographed; blotting-pads, sketch-books, book-covers, copying letter-books, manifold-writers, albums (other than for photographs), diaries, birthday-books, plain or faint lined ruled books, printed window-tickets, printed, lithographed, or embossed stationery, not otherwise enumerated; and Christmas, New Year, birthday, Easter, and other cards, and booklets ... .. ad val. | 25 %                     | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Stereotypes, matrices, half-tone and line blocks ... .. ad val.  | 25 %                     | 25 %  | 25 %               | 25 %  |
|  | Stereotypes and matrices | Stereotypes and matrices  |                    |   |
|  | 25 %                     | 25 %  |                    |   |
| <b>CLASS XII.</b>  |                          |   |                    |   |
| <i>Manufactures of Metal.</i>  |                          |   |                    |   |
| Cartridges (shot) 10 to 24-bore, the 100   | 1s. 6d.                  | 1s. 6d.   | 3s. 9d.*           | 2s. 6d.   |
| Cartridge-cases ... .. the 100   | 9d.                      | 9d.   | 1s. 10½d.*         | 1s. 3d.   |
| Composition-piping ... the cwt.  | 8s. 6d.                  | 3s. 6d.   | 4s. 2½d.*          | 3s. 6d.   |
| Iron galvanised corrugated sheets, the cwt.  | 2s.                      | 2s.   | 2s. 4½d.*          | 2s.   |
| Iron, and other nails, not otherwise enumerated, including dog-spikes, the cwt.  | 3s.                      | Iron 2s.<br>Other 3s.   | 3s.                | 2s.   |

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## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND - continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES - continued.

| Names of Articles   | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty.                               |   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|   | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                                  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XII.—continued.</b>  |   |   |  |   |
| Iron, plain galvanised sheet or hoop, the cwt.  | 1s. 6d.   | 1s. 6d.   | 1s. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ .*                           | 1s. 6d.   |
| Iron tanks for every 100 gallons, or fraction of 100 gallons, in holding capacity ... ..  | Of and under 200 galls. 5s.<br>Above 200 and not above 400 galls. 10s.        |   | 3s.*   | 2s. 6d.   |
| Lead, in sheets ... .. the cwt.   | 1s. 6d.   | 1s. 6d.   | 1s. 6d. up to 31st Oct., 1907; thereafter, free. | 1s. 6d. up to 31st Oct., 1907; thereafter, free.                                  |
| Lead piping ... .. the cwt.   | 3s. 6d.   | 3s. 6d.   | 4s. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ .*                           | 3s. 6d.   |
| Shot ... .. the cwt.  | 10s.  | 10s.  | 12s.*  | 10s.  |
| Engines and machines for mining purposes—namely <i>capstan engines</i> for mining shafts; <i>winding engines</i> , steam, air, or electrically driven, including <i>bed plates</i> , <i>foundation bolts</i> and <i>friction clutches</i> , when imported with the engines; <i>drums</i> for winding engines ... .. ad val. | Free  | Free  | 15 %*  | 5 %   |
| Machinery, viz.— <i>Flour milling</i> , <i>oil refining</i> , <i>boring</i> ... .. ad val.  | 5 %   | 5 %   | 5 %  | 5 %   |
| Refrigerating, dredging, woollen mill, paper mill, rope and twine making, meat preserving, leather splitting ... .. ad val.   | 5 %   | 5 %   |  |   |
| Printing machines or presses; <i>embossing</i> , <i>bronzing</i> , <i>type casting</i> , and <i>type setting</i> machines; <i>cardboard box making</i> machines, and tools for same ... .. ad val.  | Printing, embossing and type setting, 5 %; ruling, 20 %; other, not tariffed. | Printing, embossing, and type setting, 5 %; ruling, 20 %; other, not tariffed.    | 15 %†  | 5 %   |
| Soda-water machines, also machines for <i>aë ating</i> liquids ... .. ad val.   | 5 %   | 5 %   |  |   |
| Steam engines, and parts thereof, for mining (including <i>gold-dredging</i> ), or <i>gold sving</i> purposes and processes, or for <i>dairying</i> purposes ... .. ad val.   | 5 %   | 5 %   |  |   |
| Machinery, electric and appliances, namely: <i>electric generators</i> and <i>electric motors</i> , including <i>slide rails</i> therefor, <i>electric lamps</i> , including <i>globes</i> for <i>arc lamps</i> , <i>electric transformers</i> ... .. ad val.   | 10 %  | 10 %  | 15 %*  | 10 %  |

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† Type-casting and type-setting machines are to remain at 5 % ad valorem after 31st March, 1908.

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

| Names of Articles   | Old Rates of Duty.                      |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|---|---|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.                         | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XII.—<i>continued.</i></b>   |   |   |                    |   |
| Bicycles, tricycles, and the like vehicles, also finished, or partly finished or machined parts of the same, not otherwise enumerated, ad val.  | 30 %                                    | 20 %  | 30 %               | 20 %  |
| Bill-hooks, bush-hooks, slashers, and hedge knives ... .. ad val.   | Free                                    | Free  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Boilers, land, and marine, including feed water-heaters, fuel economisers, steam superheaters, and mechanical stokers ... .. ad val.  | 20 %                                    | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Cartridges, not otherwise enumerated, ad val.   | 20 %                                    | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Cash registering machines ... ad val.   | 10 %                                    | 10 %  | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Crab winches, cranes, capstans and windlasses ... .. ad val.  | 20 %†                                   | 20 %†   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Electric batteries, and cells; furniture, fittings, instruments, and appliances, not otherwise enumerated, for the generation, transmission, application, or utilisation, of electricity, or of electric power of any description whatsoever ... .. ad val.   | Electric Machinery and appliances, 10 % |   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Firearms, all kinds ... .. ad val.  | 30 %                                    | 20 %  | 30 %               | 20 %  |
| Hardware, ironmongery, and hollow-ware, n.o.e. ... .. ad val.   | 30 %                                    | 20 %  | 30 %               | 20 %  |
| Iron pipes, wrought, n.o.e., and wood or fibre pipes, exceeding 6 inches in internal diameter, also knees, bends, elbows, and <i>other fittings</i> for the same; cast-iron pipes exceeding 9 in. in internal diameter, and knees, bends, elbows, and <i>other fittings</i> for the same ... .. ad val. | Iron pipes and fittings, 7½ %§          | Iron pipes and fittings, 5 %§   | 30 %               | 20 %  |
| Lawn mowers ... .. ad val.  | 20 %                                    | 20 %  | 30 %               | 20 %  |
| Machinery, not otherwise enumerated, ad val.  | { Pumps, 30 %†<br>Other, 20 %           | { Pumps, 20 %†<br>Other, 20 %   | { 30 %*<br>30 %*   | { 20 %<br>20 %  |
| Manufactured or partly manufactured articles of metal, or manufactured or partly manufactured articles of metal in combination with any other material whatsoever, not otherwise enumerated ... .. ad val.  | Mostly 20 %                             | Mostly 20 %   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Steam engines, and parts of steam engines, not otherwise enumerated, ad val.  | Locomotives, Free<br>Other, 20 %        | Locomotives, Free<br>Other, 20 %  | { 30 %*<br>30 %*   | { 20 %<br>20 %  |

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† Machinery for the manufacture of beetroot sugar and for cask making, Free.

‡ Hydraulic cranes and steel rams, black or finished, for hydraulic cranes or jiggers, Free.

§ Fibre conduit pipes, and fittings for same, and iron waterworks pipes, 5 % ad valorem.

## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.   |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|--|--|---|--------------------|---|
|  | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XII.—continued.</b>   |  |   |                    |   |
| Galvanised iron manufactures, not otherwise enumerated, made up from galvanised iron, or from plain sheet iron, and then galvanised, ad val. | 25 %   | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Japanned, and lacquered metalware, ad val.   | 25 %   | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Tinware, and tin manufactures, not otherwise enumerated ... ad val.  | 25 %   | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Lead-headed nails and galvanised cup-headed roofing nails ... .. ad val.   | 3s. the cwt.   | 3s. the cwt.  | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| <b>CLASS XIII.</b>   |  |   |                    |   |
| <i>Timber, and articles made from Timber.</i>  |  |   |                    |   |
| Timber, palings, split ... the 100   | 2s. †  | 2s. †   | 2s.                | 2s.   |
| Timber, posts, split ... the 100   | 8s. †  | 8s. †   | 8s.                | 8s.   |
| Timber, rails, split ... the 100   | 4s. †  | 4s. †   | 4s.                | 4s.   |
| Timber, sawn, dressed, the 100 feet superficial  | 4s.  | 4s.   | 4s.                | 4s.   |
| Timber, sawn, rough, the 100 feet superficial  | 2s.  | 2s.   | 2s.                | 2s.   |
| Timber, shingles, and laths, the 1,000   | 2s.  | 2s.   | 2s.                | 2s.   |
| Bellows, not otherwise enumerated, ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Blocks, wooden tackle ... .. ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %  | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Broom, mop, hoe, rake, and similar handles ... .. ad val.  | Free.  | Free.   | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Carriages, carts, drays, wagons, perambulators, and the like vehicles, and wheels for the same ... .. ad val.                                | 30 %   | 20 %  | 30 %               | 20 %  |
| Carriage shafts, spokes, and felloes, dressed; bent carriage-timber, not otherwise enumerated ... ad val.                                    | 20 %   | 20 %  | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Cars, wagons, and trucks, railway, and tramway, and wheels for the same, n.o.e. ... .. ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Motor vehicles ... .. ad val.  | 30 %   | 20 %  | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Motor-car bodies, or bodies for motor buses attached or unattached ad val.   | Not tariffed.  |   | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Doors, and sashes, either plain, or glazed, with ornamental glass, ad val.   | Doors, plain, 2s. each;<br>Doors, glazed, 4s. each;<br>Sashes, plain, 2s. the pair;<br>Sashes, glazed, 4s. the pair. |   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Woodenware, and turnery, not otherwise enumerated, and veneers, ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |

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† Irrespective of whether "split" or not.

|| Ornamented tops of tins, Free.

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles  | Old Rates of Duty.   |   | New Rates of Duty.                         |   |
|--|--|---|--|---|
|  | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                            | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XIV.</b><br><i>Oils, Paints, &amp;c.</i>  |  |   |  |   |
| Oils in vessels capable of containing one gallon of oil or more—namely, vegetable oils... the gallon   | 6d.  | 6d.   | 6d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free | 6d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free.                                       |
| <i>Oil</i> —namely, crude petroleum, crude residual oil, once-run shale oil, once-run petroleum oil ...the gallon  | Kerosene, benzine, and once-run shale, suitable for gas-making, free, other mineral, 6d. |   | 1d.  | 1d.   |
| <i>Oil</i> , not otherwise enumerated, including mineral lubricating oil, in vessels capable of containing one gallon or more ... the gallon                               |  |   | 7½d.*                                      | 6d.   |
| Paints and colours, ground in oil or turpentine; also putty, and driers not otherwise enumerated the cwt.  | Paints, &c., 2s. 6d., putty 2s., driers free.  | Paints, &c., 2s. 6d., putty 2s., driers free                                      | 3s.*                                       | 2s. 6d.   |
| Paints and colours mixed ready for use; also enamel paints not otherwise enumerated ... the cwt.   | Enamel paints 2s., other 5s.   | Enamel paints 2s., other 5s.  | 6s.*                                       | 5s.   |
| Stearine ... the lb.   | For match-making ½d., other 1½d.   | For match-making ½d., other 1½d.  | ¾d.*                                       | ¾d.   |
| Varnish and lacquers, including lithographic varnish, gold-size, liquid gold, and other metallic paints; also liquid medium for mixing with metallic paints ... the gallon | Varnish and gold size 2s. 1s.  | Varnish and gold size 2s. 1s.   | 2s. 4½d.*                                  | 2s.   |
| Whiting, and chalk ... the cwt.  | 1s.  | 1s.   | 1s. 2½d.*                                  | 1s.   |
| <i>Axle grease</i> and other solid lubricants petroleum greases, and mixtures of the same with other substances, n.o.e. ... ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %  | 30 %*                                      | 20 %  |
| Harness oil and composition, leather dressing and belt dressing; also leather revivers and polishes, n.o.e. ... ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %  | 30 %*                                      | 20 %  |
| Oils in vessels having a lesser capacity than one gallon ... ad val.   | In bottle 15 % otherwise 6d. the gall.   | In bottle 15 % otherwise 6d. the gall.  | 20 %                                       | 20 %  |
| <b>CLASS XV.</b><br><i>Agricultural and Farm Products, &amp;c.</i>   |  |   |  |   |
| Cattle (horned)... each  | 10s.   | 10s.  | 10s.                                       | 10s.  |
| Chaff ... the ton  | £1   | £1  | £1   | £1  |
| Grain—namely, barley the 100 lbs.  | 2s.  | 2s.   | 2s.  | 2s.   |
| Grain and pulse of every kind not otherwise enumerated the 100 lbs.  | 9d.  | 9d.   | 9d.  | 9d.   |
| Grain and pulse of every kind when ground or in any way manufactured, not otherwise enumerated, including wheat flour ... the 100 lbs.                                     | 1s.  | 1s.   | 1s. 2½l.*                                  | 1s.   |

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## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty.                         |   |
|--|---|---|--|---|
|  | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                            | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XV.—continued.</b>  |   |   |  |   |
| Horses ... .. each   | £1  | £1  | £1   | £1  |
| Onions ... .. the ton  | £1  | £1  | £1   | £1  |
| Potatoes ... .. the ton  | 20 % ad val.  | 20 % ad val.  | £1   | £1  |
| Prepared calf-meat ... the ton   | £1 5s.  | £1 5s.  | £1 5s.                                     | £1 5s.  |
| Animals, food for, of all kinds, not otherwise enumerated, including horse and cattle spices and condiments, proprietary or otherwise; also hempseed, mawseed, millet-seed, canary-seed, and mixed bird-seed ... .. ad val.  | Certain horse and cattle spices 15 % (Decision), other 20 % | Certain horse and cattle spices 15 % (Decision), other 20 %                       | 30 %*                                      | 20 %  |
| <b>CLASS XVI.</b>  |   |   |  |   |
| <i>Miscellaneous.</i>  |   |   |  |   |
| Blue ... .. the lb.  | 2d.   | 2d.   | 1½d.*                                      | 1d.   |
| Candles ... .. the lb.   | 1½d.  | 1d.   | 2½d.                                       | 1½d.  |
| Cement, Portland, and other structural and building cement... the barrel   | 4s.   | 2s.   | 4s.  | 2s.   |
| Gelatine, isinglass, glue and size, the lb.  | Gelatine and isinglass 20 % ad val., glue and size 1½d.     | Gelatine and isinglass 20 % ad val., glue and size 1½d.                           | 1½d.*                                      | 1½d.  |
| Matches—   |   |   |  |   |
| Wooden, in boxes containing not more than 60 matches, the gross of boxes   | 1s.   | 1s.   | 1s. 6d.*                                   | 1s.   |
| In boxes containing over 60 and not more than 100 matches, the gross of boxes  | 2s.   | 2s.   | 3s.*                                       | 2s.   |
| In boxes containing more than 100 matches, for every 100 matches or fraction thereof contained in one box ... the gross of boxes   | 2s.   | 2s.   | 3s.*                                       | 2s.   |
| Wax "plaid vestas" in cardboard boxes containing under 100 matches ... the gross of boxes  | 1s.   | 1s.   | 1s. 6d.*                                   | 1s.   |
| "Pocket vestas," in tin or other boxes containing under 100 matches, the gross of boxes  | 1s. 4d.   | 1s. 4d.   | 2s.*                                       | 1s. 4d.   |
| Wax, other kinds, for every 100 matches or fraction thereof contained in one box, the gross of boxes   | 2s. 3d.   | 2s. 3d.   | 3s. 4½d.*                                  | 2s. 3d.   |
| Matches of any material other than wood or wax, a duty corresponding to the duty payable on wooden matches (Note.—It is stated in the new tariff that boxes made of gold, silver, metal, wood or composition, of permanent value when empty, shall, in addition to the duty payable on any matches contained therein, be charged as jewellery or fancy goods.) |   |   |  |   |
| Paraffin wax ... .. the lb.  | ½d.   | ½d.   | 1d.  | 1d.   |
| Powder, sporting ... .. the lb.  | 6d.   | 6d.   | 6d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free | 6d. up to 31st Oct., 1907, thereafter free  |

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## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|--|---|---|--------------------|---|
|  | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS XVI—continued.   |   |   |                    |   |
| Sausage skins and casings (including brine or salt) ... the lb.  | 3d.   | 3d.   | 3d.                | 3d.   |
| Soap, common yellow and blue mottled the cwt.  | 5s.   | 5s.   | 6s.*               | 5s.   |
| Spirits, methylated to the satisfaction of the Minister... the liquid gallon   | 1s.   | 1s.   | 1s. 2½d.*          | 1s.   |
| Spirits, cleared from warehouse, methylated, under prescribed conditions, the liquid gallon, not including the added naphtha or other methylating material ...                   | 6d.   | 6d.   | 6d.                | 6d.   |
| Starch ... the lb.   | 2d.   | 2d.   | 2½d.*              | 2d.   |
| Wax, mineral, vegetable, Japanese and beeswax ... the lb.  | Beeswax free, other 1½d.  | Beeswax free, other 1½d.  | 1d.                | 1d.   |
| Flock ... ad val.  | 10 %  | 10 %  | 10 %               | 10 %  |
| Bags, calico, forfar, linen, flour; bagging, bags and sacks not otherwise enumerated, including filter bags and sheaths ... ad val.  | Calico, forfar, hessian and linen bags 20 %, other 15 %   |   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Blacking and boot-gloss and polish ... ad val.   | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Blacklead ... ad val.  | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Boats, launches, yachts, also all vessels propelled by means other than oars (when imported in any vessel), including all fittings therefor not otherwise enumerated ... ad val. | Not tarified (boats free)   | Not tarified (boats free)   | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Cordage, rope and twine not otherwise enumerated ... ad val.   | 30 %  | 20 %  | 30 %               | 20 %  |
| Fireworks, not otherwise enumerated, ... ad val.   | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Nets and netting ... ad val.   | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Soap powder, extract of soap, dry soap, soft soap, liquid soap, soap solutions and washing or cleansing powders, crystals, pastes and liquids ... ad val.                        | Soap powder, extract of soap, dry soap, soft soap and washing powder 20 %, other kinds not tarified |   | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| Tarpaulins, tents, sails, rick, and waggon covers ... ad val.  | 20 %  | 20 %  | 30 %*              | 20 %  |
| Bags of textile or felt, all kinds, if printed ... ad val.   | 15 % and 20 %   | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Brooms, brushes and brushware, ad val.   | 25 %  | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Granite and other stone, dressed or polished, and articles made therefrom; also imitation stone, dressed or polished, and articles made therefrom, or from cement ... ad val.    | Imitation stone not tarified, other 25 %  |   | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |
| Soap, not otherwise enumerated, ad val.  | 25 %  | 25 %  | 37½ %*             | 25 %  |

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In addition to any duty chargeable by law on any goods imported into the colony, a further duty of 20 per cent. ad valorem is charged when the goods are *prison made*.

## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## SCHEDULE B.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS I.</b><br><i>Foods, &amp;c.</i>  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Almonds and nuts, except walnuts ...  |                    | Barbary, Sicily, and French almonds for confectioners' use, Free.                 |                    |   |
| Anchovies, salted, in casks, or other containers, capable of holding 28 lbs. net or over ...  |                    | All kinds of anchovies, salted, in casks, Free.                                   |                    |   |
| Arrowroot, sago, tapioca, macaroni, vermicelli, rice-flour, prepared barley-flour, potato-flour, infants' and invalid's <i>farinaceous foods</i> ...  |                    | Rice-flour 6s. per cwt., other, Free.   |                    |   |
| Cocoa or cacao butter, coconut butter, nut butter, and other refined vegetable butters or fats ...  |                    | Cocoa and cocoa butter, Free; other, not tarified.                                |                    | Free  |
| Salt ...  |                    | Free  |                    |   |
| Rice, dressed or undressed; also rice meal refuse and rice meal ...   |                    | Rice, Free  |                    |   |
| Soy, in vessels exceeding 10 gallons capacity ...   |                    | 15 % ad val. (in bulk).   |                    |   |
| <b>CLASS IV.</b><br><i>Non-alcoholic Beverages, &amp;c.</i>   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Cocoa-beans, uncrushed ...  |                    | All kinds, Free   |                    |   |
| Coffee, raw ...   |                    | Free  |                    |   |
| Fruit-juices, or imitation fruit-juices, unsweetened, in containers of 10 gallons capacity or over ...  |                    | Not tarified  |                    |   |
| Tea in bulk, viz., in packages of 5 lbs. or over net weight of tea ...  | 2d. per lb.        | Free*   | 2d. per lb.        | Free  |
| <b>CLASS V.</b><br><i>Drugs, &amp;c.</i>  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Acids, viz.: boracic; carbolic; chromic; citric; fluoric; formic; lactic; muriatic; nitric; oleic; oxalic; picric; pyrogallic; salicylic; sulphuric ...   |                    | Citric, formic, and lactic acids not specially tarified; other, Free.             |                    |   |
| Concentrated extracts, or essences, in liquid form, or preserved in fat, for the purpose of manufacturing perfumery, when entered to be warehoused in a manufacturing warehouse for the purpose of making perfumery or other articles therein |                    | Free, when in bottles of not less than 1 lb. in weight.                           |                    | Free  |

\* When in packets exceeding one pound in weight.

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## SCHEDULE B—continued.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|---|---|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS V.—continued.</b>  |   |   |                    |   |
| Dextrine, n.o.e. ... ..   | 15 % ad val.<br>Free  |   |                    |   |
| Disinfectants ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Drugs and chemicals, viz. :—  |   |   |                    |   |
| Carnauba wax ... ..   |   |   |                    |   |
| Catechu ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Cochineal ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Creosote, crude or commercial ...   |   |   |                    |   |
| Crude distillates of coal-tar or wood, in vessels containing 10 gallons or over, for the manufacture of disinfectants in New Zealand ..                     |   |   |                    |   |
| Formic aldehyde, and solution thereof ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Fusel oil ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Gall nuts ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Glycerine, crude ... ..   |   |   |                    |   |
| Gums—viz., arabic, benzoin, damar, tragacanth, artificial gum-arabic  |   |   |                    |   |
| Liquefied gases, and compressed gases ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Liquorice in blocks of 7 lbs. net and over, or soft liquorice-extract in bulk, in tins or other vessels capable of holding 7 lbs. net or over ... ..        |   |   |                    |   |
| Naphthalene, crude or refined ...   | A few not tariffed, but mostly Free (including water hardening chemicals for brewers' use). |   | Free               |   |
| Saffron ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Strychnine, and salts of strychnine   |   |   |                    |   |
| Sugar of milk ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Sulphur ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Turmeric ... ..   |   |   |                    |   |
| Alum, alum sulphate ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Ammonium chloride, or sal ammoniac, ammonium sulphate ...   |   |   |                    |   |
| Arsenic and arsenates ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Borax ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Calcium carbide, chloride, sulphate, sulphite, and bisulphite; chlorinated lime ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Carbon bisulphide ... ..  |   |   |                    |   |
| Copper sulphate, or bluestone, oxide of copper ... ..   |   |   |                    |   |
| Iron sulphates ... ..   |   |   |                    |   |
| Magnesium sulphite, and bisulphite  |   |   |                    |   |
| Manganese oxides ... ..   |   |   |                    |   |
| Phosphorus ... ..   |   |   |                    |   |
| Potash; pearlsh; potash, caustic, chlorate, cyanide, nitrate (or salt-petre), permanganate, prussiates, sulphite, and bisulphite; metallic potassium ... .. |   |   |                    |   |

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## SCHEDULE B—continued.

| Names of Articles   | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS V.—continued.   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Drugs and Chemicals—continued.  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Salts of thorium, zirconium, or other rare metals, and solutions thereof, including mixtures of same suited for the manufacture of incandescent mantles ... ..  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Silver nitrate in crystals ... ..   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Soda acetate, <i>crude</i> ; soda ash; soda arseniate, anhydrous carbonate, caustic, cyanide, bisulphite, hyposulphite, silicate, sulphate, sulphide, sulphite, nitrate, permanganate ... ..  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Metallic sodium, sodium peroxide ... ..   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Zinc chloride ... ..  |                    |   |                    |   |
| (Note.—It is provided in the new Tariff that mixtures of any of the articles enumerated under this Schedule as drugs and chemicals, with each other, or with chemicals, or substances not enumerated, shall, if not provided for elsewhere in the Tariff, be charged as medicinal preparations not otherwise enumerated, or chemicals not otherwise enumerated, under Schedule A, Class V... .. |                    |   |                    |   |
| Drugs crude, not powdered, and unsuited for use as foods, or in the manufacture thereof, viz., barks, woods, twigs, leaves, herbs, flowers (except hops), roots, corms, gums, balsams, inspissated juices (except opium), seeds, fruits, fruit rinds, pitch, cantharides, ergot; also powdered pyrethrum flowers or Dalmatian powder and powdered hellebore, <i>in bulk</i> ... ..              |                    |   |                    |   |
| Essential oils, except eucalyptus; cod liver oil; oil of rhodium ... ..   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Horse, and cattle drenches ... ..   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Insecticides for agricultural uses, also tree washes ... ..   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Opium when entered to be warehoused in a manufacturing warehouse, for the purpose of making therein approved medicinal preparations ... ..  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Scrub exterminators ... ..  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Sheep dip; sheep drenches; sheep licks.   |                    |   |                    |   |
| A few not tariffed, but mostly Free (including waterhardening chemicals for brewers' use).  |                    |   | Free               |   |
| Medicinal barks, leaves, herbs, flowers, roots, and gums, Free.   |                    |   | Free               |   |
| Horse drenches, Free  |                    |   | Free               |   |
| Not tariffed  |                    |   | Free               |   |
| Free  |                    |   | Free               |   |

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| Names of Articles  | Old Rates of Duty.   |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|--|--|---|--------------------|---|
|  | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS V.—<i>continued.</i></b>  |  |   |                    |   |
| <b>Drugs and Chemicals—<i>continued.</i></b>   |  |   |                    |   |
| <i>Surgical and dental instruments; also the following surgeons', physicians', dentists', and opticians', materials, viz.:—Antiseptic dressings, gauzes, lint, tow, cotton wool, poroplastic felt, adhesive plaster, oiled silk or other fabric, spongio piline, bandages, catgut, and sterilized, and other sewings, thermometers; also appliances including splints for wear, peculiarly adapted to correct a deformity of the human body, to afford support to an abnormal condition of the human body, or to reduce or alleviate such condition, or to substitute any part of such body ... ..</i> |  |   |                    |   |
| <i>Crutches; ear trumpets, ear tubes, and audiphones, for the partially deaf. Opticians' trial cases, lenses, and frames, spectacles, and magnifying glasses, ophthalmoscopes, optometers and other measuring instruments, test cards, and diagrams, artificial eyes (demonstration and other) ... ..</i>  |  |   |                    |   |
| <i>Dentists' materials, viz.:—Artificial teeth, tooth crowns, celluloid blanks, base plates, denture strengtheners, gutta percha stick, points, pellets, and sheets, rubber dam, amadou absorbent, absorbent paper, rubber in sheets, metal-plate, -wire, -foil, -sticks; solder; fusible metal porcelain powder, and enamel, inlays, modelling composition, and wax, investment compound, amalgam, and cement; also such other appliances and materials peculiar to surgical or dental use as may from time to time be enumerated in any order of the Minister ... ..</i>                             |  |   |                    |   |
| <i>Scientific and philosophical instruments and apparatus, namely:—Assay-balances; laboratory retorts, and laboratory flasks and other instruments, and apparatus, for chemical analysis, and assay work; assay furnaces, including dentists', and jewellers' furnaces; also such instruments, and apparatus, suited strictly for scientific and philosophical purposes, as may from time to time be approved by the Minister</i>  |  |   |                    |   |
|  | Surgical and dental instruments and appliances 20 % ad val.  | Free  |                    | Free  |
|  |  |   |                    |   |
|  | Scientific and assay balances, retorts, flasks, and other appliances for chemical analysis and assay work, Free. |   |                    |   |

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| Names of Articles   | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty.                        |   |
|---|--------------------|---|---|---|
|   | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                           | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS VI.<br><i>Clothing and Textiles.</i>  |                    |   |   |   |
| Brace-elastic, and brace-mountings ...  |                    | Free  |   |   |
| Brattice cloth made of jute or hessian  |                    | Brattice cloth for mine ventilation, Free; for wool scouring, 20 % ad val.        |   | Free  |
| Bunting, in the piece ... ..  |                    | Free  |   | Free  |
| Butter, cloth; also cheese, cloth, and cheese bandages or caps ... ..   |                    | Free  | Free to 31st Mar., 1908, then 20% ad val. | Free  |
| <i>Buttons, tapes, wadding, pins, needles</i>   |                    |   |   |   |
| Calico, white and grey, also cotton sheetings, in the piece ... ..  |                    |   |   |   |
| Corduroy, moleskin, and plain beaver-skin, of cotton, in the piece ... ..   |                    |   |   |   |
| Coloured cotton shirtings, flannelette shirtings ... ..   |                    | Free  |   | Free to 31st December, 1907   |
| Forfar, Dowlas, and flax sheeting, when cut up under supervision in sizes not exceeding 47 in. by 36 in. for making flour-bags, and not exceeding 54 in. for lining wool mats   |                    |   |   |   |
| Cotton or linen <i>piece</i> goods, and unions of the same, not otherwise enumerated, except <i>imitation silks</i> composed of any material or substance whatsoever ... ..   |                    | 20 % ad val.  |   | Free from 1st January, 1908   |
| Fur skins, green or sun-dried ... ..  |                    | Free  |   |   |
| Gold or silver lace or braid for military clothing, featherstitch braid ... ..  |                    | Free  |   |   |
| Hatmakers' materials, viz.:—felt hoods; shellac; galloons; calicoes; spale boards for hat boxes; leathers; silk plush in the piece; linings, when cut up or otherwise, under such conditions as the Minister may prescribe; blocks; moulds; frames; ventilators; and tassels ... .. |                    | Free  |   |   |
| Hessians, plain or striped, and scrim ... ..  |                    | Free  |   |   |
| Leather cloth, plain colours ... ..   |                    | All kinds, free   |   | Free  |
| Minor articles (required in the making-up of apparel, boots, shoes, hats, caps, saddlery, umbrellas, parasols, and sunshades), enumerated in any order of the Minister, and published in the Gazette ... ..   |                    | Free  |   |   |
| Ostrich feathers grown in New Zealand, when returned from abroad dressed, or dyed, upon evidence being produced to the satisfaction of a Collector of Customs as to their previous exportation ... ..   |                    | Not tariffed  |   |   |

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## SCHEDULE B—continued.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS VI.—continued.</b>   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Sailcloth, canvas, and unbleached double-warped duck, in the piece ...  | 20 % ad val.       | Free  |                    |   |
| Sewing cottons, silks, and threads; angola mendings not exceeding 45 yards in length; crewel, flourishing, embroidery, darning, knitting, and crochet threads, of silk, linen or cotton, or unions of the same, plain or fancy; macrame thread or macrame twine ... ..  |                    | Free<br>All kinds, free<br>Free   |                    |   |
| Silk for flour dressing, in the piece ...   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Silk twist (shoemakers' and saddlers') ...  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Staymakers', binding, eyelets, corset-fasteners, jean, ticks, lasting, sateen, and cotell; also corset shields, and busk protectors ... ..  |                    | Corset shields, 20 % ad val.;<br>Busk protectors, not tarified;<br>other, free    |                    | Free  |
| Tailors' trimmings, viz., haircloth; plain or coloured imitation hair-cloth; canvas; buckram; wadding, and padding; silk, worsted, and cotton bindings, and braids; stay bindings; Russia braids; shoulder-pads; buckles; silesias; drab, slate, and brown jeans; pocketings; slate, black, and brown dyed unions and linens; Verona, and Italian cloth, of cotton or wool, or unions of the same; also such other lining materials as may be approved by the Minister ... .. |                    | Free.   |                    |   |
| Tubular woven cotton cloth in the piece for meat-wraps ... ..   |                    | Free.   |                    | Free.   |
| Umbrella-makers' materials, viz., reversible, and levantine silk mixtures, gloria, and satin de chene, of not less than 44in. in width; alpaca cloth, with border; zanella cloth, with border; also other piece-goods on such conditions as the Minister may approve; sticks, runners, notches, caps, ferrules, cups, ribs, stretchers, tips, and rings ... ..  |                    | Free  |                    |   |
| Union textiles not otherwise enumerated, in the piece, the invoice value of which does not exceed 6d. the yard when cut up, and made into shirts or pyjamas, under such conditions and regulations as the Minister may prescribe ... ..   |                    |   |                    | Free  |
| Waterproof material in the piece, having within, or upon it, a coating of indiarubber ... ..  |                    | Free<br>(irrespective of the coating of rubber).                                  |                    |   |

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| Names of Articles  | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty.  |   |
|--|--------------------|---|---|---|
|  | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS VII.<br><i>Leather, and Articles used in Leather Manufactures.</i>   |                    |   |   |   |
| Boot elastic ... ..  | Free               |   | Free  |   |
| Bootmakers' linings, canvas, plain, or coloured, bag and portmanteau linings, of such materials, qualities, and patterns, as may be approved by the Minister ... ..  |                    |   |   |   |
| Boots, shoes, shoettes, sandals, clogs, and pattens, slippers, and goloshes, namely, children's No. 0 to 6 ...   |                    |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val.                 | Free  |
| Cork soles, and sock-soles; moulded shoe and slipper soles of rubber ...   |                    |   |   |   |
| East India kip, also hides, crust or rough tanned, but undressed ...   |                    |   | East India kip when crust or rough tanned but undressed, Free.    |   |
| Goat-skins, and kid-skins, however dressed... ..   |                    |   | Goat-skins, dressed as morocco coloured (other than black), Free. |   |
| Grindery—namely, button fasteners, and staples; eyelets, and hook eyelets, and eyelet rings; tangles; spikes for running or cricketing shoes; boot-protectors; wood or rubber heels or knobs; leather toe-tips, "Wells" patent or a similar make, stiffeners or toes moulded ready for use, copper toes, boot stretchers and trees, hollow-fillers, japanned toe-tips; legging springs and stiffeners; lasting tacks, pegs, brass rivets, iron rivets; brass, iron, and copper cut-bills; steel points; sparrow bills; wrought, cut, and and malleable hob-nails; Hungarian nails; wrought and cut tip-nails; iron or wooden lasts; stands for iron lasts; sole, heel, stiffening, and toe-cap knives; shoemakers' wax; heel-balls; bristles, hemp and flax; rubber solution or cement; wetting cut into strips or in coils ready for use; shoemakers' binding or heading; wetting leather cut into strips not exceeding 1 in. in width; webbing; tanners', curriers' and bootmakers' inks or stains; bootmakers' sectional cutting-boards; glass or emery paper, or cloth, on sheets, in rolls, or cut into shapes... |                    |   | All grindery, free, except heel and toe-plates, 20 % ad val.      |   |
| Hog-skins ... ..   |                    |   | Free  |   |

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| Names of Articles   | Old Rates of Duty.   |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|--------------------|---|--|--|
|   | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |  |  |
| CLASS VII.—continued.   |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Leather, &c.—continued.   |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Kangaroo, and wallaby skins, undressed ... ..   | Free   |   | Free               |   |  |  |
| Leather, japanned or enamelled ...  |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Saddle-trees ... ..   |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Saddlers' ironmongery (except bits and stirrup-irons), hames, and mounts for harness; straining, surcingle, brace, girth, and roller webs; collar check, and the same article plain, of such quality as may be approved by the Minister; legging-buckles... |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Metal articles required to repair or complete riding or driving harness, or saddlery, to be repaired or made in the colony ... ..   | Not tariffed   |   | Free               |   |  |  |
| Tanning materials, crude ... ..   | Free   |   | Free               |   |  |  |
| CLASS VIII.   |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Furniture, &c.  |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Blind webbing and tape ... ..   | Free   |   | Free               |   |  |  |
| Worsted covered cord and solid glass cord for venetian and other blinds   | Free   |   | Free               |   |  |  |
| Upholsterers' materials, viz.—webbing, hair-seating imitation hair-seating; curled hair; gimp and cord of wool, cotton, or silk tufts and studs ... ..  | Free   |   | Free               |   |  |  |
| Chair canvas ... ..   | Not tariffed   |   | Free               |   |  |  |
| CLASS IX.   |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| China, Glass, &c.   |  |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Bottles, empty, plain stone; also empty plain glass bottles, not being cut or ground; jars, plain glass, and plain earthen jars, up to three inches diameter at the mouth ... ..  | Free   |   | Free               |   |  |  |
| Earthen or glass roofing tiles, ridging or finials; also roofing slates ...   | Free   |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Glass plates (engraved) for lithographic work ... ..  | Free   |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Jars or other dutiable vessels containing free goods, or goods subject to a fixed rate of duty, and being ordinary trade packages for the goods contained in them ... ..  | Free   |   |                    |   |  |  |
| Lamps, miners' safety, and glasses therefor; lamps peculiarly adapted for use on harbour beacons and lighthouses, also appliances peculiar to such lamps; side lights and head lights especially suited for the use of ships ... ..                         | Safety lamps for collieries and lighthouse apparatus, Free; ships' lamps and signal lamps for ships' use, 20 % ad val. |   |                    |   |  |  |

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## SCHEDULE B—continued.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.       |   | New Rates of Duty.                                |   |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|---|
|   | General Tariff.          | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                                   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS X.</b><br><i>Fancy Goods, &amp;c.</i>  |                          |   |   |   |
| Action work and keys, in frames or otherwise, iron or metal piano frames for manufacture of organs, harmoniums, and pianos; organ pipes and stop-knobs ...  | Free                     |   | Free  |   |
| Articles, being exhibits for public display only in public museums, whether purchased under bond or directly imported by, or for presentation to such museums, upon declaration that such goods will not be sold or otherwise disposed of in New Zealand without payment of any duty which may be payable ...   |                          |   |   |   |
| Artists' materials, viz., canvas in the piece or on stretchers, oiled paper or drawing paper in sheets or blocks, colours, brushes, palettes and palette knives ...   | Not tarified             |   | Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Cigarette papers entered to be warehoused in any licensed tobacco manufactory for the manufacture therein of cigarettes ...   | Free                     |   |   |   |
| Films for bioscopes, cinematographs, and kinetoscopes ...   | Not tarified             |   | Free  |   |
| Microscopes and telescopes and slides, and lenses for same ...  | Not tarified             |   | Free  |   |
| Paintings, statuary, and works of art, whether purchased under bond or directly imported by, or for presentation to any public institution or art association registered as a body corporate, for display in the buildings of such institution or association, and not to be sold or otherwise disposed of; statuary or works of art, whether purchased under bond, or directly imported for display in any public park or place, on conditions prescribed by the minister... | Free                     |   | Free  |   |
| Paintings or pictures painted or drawn by New Zealand students within five years of the time of their departure from the colony for the purpose of undergoing a period of tuition abroad for the first time, upon evidence being produced to the satisfaction of a Collector of Customs ...   | Free                     |   | Free  |   |
| Photographic cameras and lenses, including focussing cloths and camera covers ...   | Not tarified             |   | Free  |   |
|   | Cameras and lenses, free |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |

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## SCHEDULE B—continued.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty. |   | New Rates of Duty.                                  |   |
|---|--------------------|---|---|---|
|   | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                                     | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS X.—continued.</b>  |                    |   |   |   |
| Photographs of personal friends in letters or packets ... ..  | Free               |   | Free  |   |
| Precious stones, cut or uncut, if unmounted ... ..  | Free               |   | Free  |   |
| Sensitized surfaces and albumenized paper, plain, not being postcards or other stationery ... ..  | Free               | For photographic purposes, }  | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. } | Free  |
| Slides for magic lanterns ... ..  | Free               |   | Free  |   |
| <b>CLASS XI.</b>  |                    |   |   |   |
| <i>Paper, &amp;c.</i>   |                    |   |   |   |
| (Note.—It is provided in the new Tariff that in every case where exemption from duty is governed by a size, the equivalent area shall be exempt under like condition.)  |                    |   |   |   |
| Bookbinders' materials, viz., cloth, leather, thread, headbands, webbing, end-papers, tacketing-gut, marbling colours, marble-paper, blue or red paste for ruling-ink, staple-presses, wire staples, staple-sticks ... ..   | Free               |   | Free  |   |
| Butter paper (known as vegetable parchment paper), and waxed paper, unprinted ... ..  | All kinds, free    |   |   |   |
| (Note.—It is stated in the New Tariff that butter paper or waxed paper, printed, shall be charged as wrapping paper or wrappers of all kinds printed or lithographed, Schedule A, Class XI.)  |                    |   |   |   |
| Cardboard, pasteboard, wood-pulp board, and corrugated board, of size not less than that known as "royal," and weighing not less than 2 oz. per sheet of "royal" size; also strawboard of size not less than that known as "royal" and weighing not less than 3 ozs. per sheet of "royal" size ... .. | Free               |   | Free  |   |
| Cardboard boxes, material for—viz., gold and silver paper, plain or embossed; embossed paper in strips; gelatine or coloured papers; known as "box papers" ... ..   | Free               |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 20 % ad val. } | Free  |

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| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.                               |   | New Rates of Duty.                                    |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
|  | General Tariff.                                  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                                       | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS XI.—continued.   |  |   |   |   |
| Cartridge drawing paper ... ..   | Free   | { Not less than royal, free ;<br>otherwise, 20 % ad val. }                        |   |   |
| Celluloid, plain, in sheets, not otherwise enumerated ... ..   |  |   |   |   |
| Cloth-lined boards, not less than "royal" size... ..   | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Cloth-lined paper, and enamelled, gelatine, and metallic paper, of size not less than "demy;" also "ivorite" of size not less than "demy" ... ..   | Free   |   |   |   |
| Copying paper, medium and larger sizes, in original mill wrappers and labels ... ..  | Free   |   |   |   |
| Copy-books, having printed headlines on each page ; also drawing-books...  | All kinds, free                                  |   |   |   |
| Ink, printing ... ..   | Free   |   | { Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. } | Free  |
| Masticated para... ..  | Free   |   |   |   |
| Millboard, and book-binders' leather board ... ..  | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Paper, hand-made or machine-made, book, or writing, when in original wrappers, of sizes not less than the size known as "demy," and not being a wrapping wrapper, or of the same quality as a wrapping paper...  | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| <i>Paper printing</i> ... ..   | 20 % ad. val.                                    | Free  | 20 % ad val.*   | Free  |
| Printed books, papers, and music, not otherwise enumerated, excepting advertising matter ... ..  | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Sunday school tickets and reward cards, being scriptural or religious motto cards, not exceeding 5d. per dozen invoice value, and not exceeding 6 in. by 4 in. in size, and having no reference upon them to Christmas, New Year, Easter, or birthdays ... | Not tariffed.                                    |   | Free  |   |
| CLASS XII.   |  |   |   |   |
| <i>Metals.</i>   |  |   |   |   |
| <i>Agricultural machines, and agricultural implements</i> , not otherwise enumerated; also parts peculiar to the manufacture or repair of agricultural machines, and implements, including chaff-cutting knives, fittings for threshing mills, forgings    | All agricultural implements and machinery, Free. |   |   | Free  |

\* No duty will be charged on printing paper, imported by and for the use of the proprietor of any registered newspaper, if imported and entered for home consumption on or before 31st December 1904, if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Collector of Customs that such paper is imported under a valid contract entered into before the 16th November, 1903, for the supply of such paper for a period not exceeding three years. See section 16 (1), p. 12.

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| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.                               |   | New Rates of Duty.                                |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
|   | General Tariff.                                  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                                   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XII.—<i>continued.</i></b>   |  |   |   |   |
| or castings for ploughs, discs for harrows, plough-shares, mould-board plates, and steel share-plates cut to pattern, skeith-plates, tilt-rakes, also reaper-knife sections or fingers, finished brass, and steel springs ...<br>(Note.—It is stated in the new tariff that agriculture as applied to the tariff shall include horticulture and viticulture.)   | All agricultural implements and machinery, Free. |   | Free  |   |
| Anchor's ... ..   | Free   |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Artificers' tools, not otherwise enumerated, not including brushes or brushware ; also the following tools—viz., axes and hatchets, spades, shovels, forks, picks, mattocks, quartz. and knapping hammers, scythes, sheep-shears, reaping hooks, soldering irons, paperhangers' scissors, butchers' saws or cleavers ; measuring bands or tapes ; coal cutters and air picks ... ..   | All kinds of artificers' tools, free             |   | Free  |   |
| Axles, axle-arms, and axle-boxes ...  | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Bel lows nails ... ..   | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Bicycles and tricycles, fittings for—viz., rubber tyres, pneumatic rubber tyres, outside covers of rubber, and inner tubes, handle grips, pedal rubbers ; also the following articles when not plated, japanned, enamelled or varnished, viz., drop forgings, stampings, steel balls, weldless steel tubes with or without butted ends, wood or metal rims (not bored), spokes, forks, stays, handle bars, and seat pillars, <i>unbuilt</i> , bracket shells, fork, and stay ends, fork tips, bridges, crowns, and lugs ; also ball heads complete when not brazed, including all plated parts. Hubs complete, plated or otherwise, sprockets, chains and chain wheels, whether plated or not, bottom brackets, complete, including axles, cups, cranks, and pedals, plated or otherwise ... .. | Part 30 % ;<br>part<br>20 % ad val.              |   | Part<br>20 % ad val ;<br>part free.               |   |
|   |  |   | 20 % ad val.*                                     | Free  |

\* Rubber tyres, pneumatic rubber tyres, and outside covers of rubber and inner tubes are free.

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| Name of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty.                                |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
|  | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                                   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XII.—<i>continued.</i></b>  |   |   |   |   |
| Beekeepers' tools, implements, and apparatus—viz., metal fittings for beehives, bee smokers, wax extractors, rubber gloves, gloves of textile soaked in oil, queen cages, comb foundation, foundation machines, honey knives, honey extractors, queen rearing outfits, wax presses, tools peculiar to the use of beekeepers ... .. | Free  |   | Free  |   |
| Blacksmiths' anvils, forges, and fans...   | Free  |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Bolts, and bolt ends, up to 24 inches in length; nuts, blank or screwed nuts, black or finished nuts...  | All bolts and nuts, blank or screwed nuts, black or finished nuts, free |   | Free  |   |
| Brass, copper, and tin, in pigs, bars, or sheets; also tinned hoops ...  | Tinned hoops, not tarified; other, free                                 |   | Free  |   |
| Brass or metal tubing and stamped work, in the rough ... ..  | Free  |   | Free  |   |
| Caps, percussion ... ..  | Free  |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Card clothing, for woollen-mills, and for paper-mills ... ..   | Card clothing for paper mills, not tarified; for woollen mills, free    |   | Free  |   |
| Castings for ships; also propeller-screws, including only bosses and blades ... ..   | Iron plates, screws and castings for ships, free                        |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 20 % ad val. | Free  |
| Chains, iron, plain, or with hook, swivel, or ring, attached ... ..  | Chain pulleys and chains, free  |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Copper, brass, and composition rod, bolt, sheathing, and nails ... ..  | Brass rods, &c., not tarified; other, free                              |   | Free  |   |
| Couch-roll jackets, machine wires, beater-bars, and strainer-plates, for paper-mills ... ..  | Free  |   | Free  |   |
| Crucibles... ..  | Free  |   | Free  |   |

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## SCHEDULE B—continued.

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty.   |   | New Rates of Duty.  |   |
|--|--|---|---|---|
|  | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| Electrical materials—viz.: insulated cable and wire, carbon in block, sheet, or rod, arc lamp carbons; mica, vulcanite and other insulating material, rubber or gutta-percha solutions, insulating tape ...  | Electric appliances, 10 % ad val.  |   | Free  |   |
| <i>Electricians' portable testing sets</i> ...   |  |   |   |   |
| Emery grinding machines, and emery wheels ...  | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Empty iron drums, not exceeding 10 gallons capacity ...  | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| <i>Engineers'</i> , and all metal, or wood, or stone workers' machine tools or hand tools, not including brushes or brushware ...  | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Engine-governors ...   | Free   |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val.                           |   |
| <i>Eyelets</i> ...   | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Fire-engines, chemical fire-engines, and chemical fire-extinguishers; also fire-hose and couplings therefor, portable fire-escapes, fire-ladders, fire-reels, and firemen's helmets, if declared, to the satisfaction of the Collector, for the use of a fire-brigade ...  | Fire-engines (including chemical fire-engines), free                         |   | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val.                           |   |
| Fish-hooks, unmounted, and without attachments ...   | All kinds free   |   | Free  |   |
| Galvanising baths, welded ...  | Free   |   |   |   |
| <i>Gas engines</i> , and hammers, and oil engines ...  | 20 % ad val.   |   | 20 % ad val.  |   |
| Glassmakers' moulds ...  | Free   |   | Free  |   |
| Hydraulic wheel presses ...  | Not tariffed   |   | Free  |   |
| Iron boiler-plates and unflanged end-plates for boilers; boiler-tubes not exceeding 6 in. in internal diameter and unflanged; expansion-rings; furnace-flues ...   | Free   |   | Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 20 % ad val.                           |   |
| Iron pipes, wrought and wood or fibre pipes, not exceeding 6 in. in internal diameter, also knees, bends, elbows, and other fittings for same; cast-iron pipes not exceeding 9 in. in internal diameter, also knees, bends, elbows, and other fittings for the same; wrought-iron boring, casing, and lining tubes, for oil boring, mining, or well-sinking purposes ... | Fibre conduit pipes and fittings, 5 %; iron pipes and fittings, 7½ % ad val. |   | Fibre conduit pipes and fittings, 5 %; iron pipes and fittings, 5 % ad val. |   |
|  |  |   | 20 % ad val.  |   |

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| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty.                                     |   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|   | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS XII.—continued.   |   |   |  |   |
| Iron, pig .. ...  | Free  |   | Free   | Free  |
| Iron, plain black—viz., sheet, plate, hoop, rod, bolt, bar, angle, tee, channel; plain iron rolled girders; rolled chequered plates; shafting, plain rolled or plain turned, but otherwise unwrought ... ..   | Plain black. sheet, rod, bolt, bar, and plate, 20 % ad val., other, free 20 % ad val. | Plain black. sheet, rod, bolt, bar, and plate, free; other, free Free             | 20 % ad val. 20 % ad val.                              | Free Free   |
| Iron and steel cordage... ..  | Free  |   |  |   |
| Lead, in pigs and bars... ..  | Free  |   | Free   |   |
| Locomotive wheels and tires, including wheels and tires for railway or tramway <i>passenger</i> cars, coil spiral and volute springs, suited for the manufacture of locomotives, automatic air pressure brakes specially suited for use on railway carriages and wagons ... ..  | Westinghouse brakes, tires } and spiral springs, free }                               |   | Free   |   |
| Machine saw-blades ... ..   | Free  |   | Free   |   |
| Machinery—viz.: <i>dairying</i> machinery (including cream-separating machines, also <i>coolers</i> ) ... ..  | Free  |   | Free   |   |
| Vacuum pumps for milking machines when imported along with the machine to which they belong ... ..  | Not tarified  |   | Free   | Free  |
| Machinery, <i>mining and gold saring</i> ; also briquette-making and coal-washing machines, rock-breaking machines, Trommels' stamper batteries, ore feeders, grizzly bars, steel shoes and dies, ore-crushing rolls, ball mills, grinding pans, tube mills, concentrators and rubber endless belts for same, battery screening, woven or punched; also the following machines, materials, and appliances when imported for <i>mining</i> purposes, viz.: — | Free  |   | { Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 10 % ad val.* } | Free  |
| Air compressors not including the motive power for charging the same ... ..   |   |   |  |   |
| Chain links and rollers for conveyors, and conveyor belts of rubber or fibre ... ..   |   |   |  |   |
| Electric exploders ... ..   |   |   |  |   |
| Fans for mine ventilation ... ..  |   |   |  |   |
| Filter presses ... ..   |   |   |  |   |
| Fuel economisers ... ..   |   |   |  |   |
| Sand pumps ... ..   |   |   |  |   |
| Sinking pumps ... ..  |   |   |  |   |

\* Concentrators and rubber endless belts for same are to remain free of duty after 31st March, 1903.

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| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.   |   | New Rates of Duty.                                 |   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
|   | General Tariff.  | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                                    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS XII.— <i>continued.</i>   |  |   |  |   |
| <i>Solution pumps</i> made wholly of metal ... ..   | Free   | Free  | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val.* | Free  |
| <i>Steam pumps</i> having a capacity exceeding 5,000 gallons per hour   |  |   |  |   |
| <i>Turbine pumps</i> ... ..   |  |   |  |   |
| Shaft signalling gear ... ..  |  |   |  |   |
| Steel or iron head frames for mining shafts ... ..  |  |   |  |   |
| Bollery blanket not exceeding 3 ft. wide ... ..   | Not tariffed   | Free  | Free   | Free  |
| Material for filter cloths and <i>plush</i> or other cloth for gold saving ...  |  |   |  |   |
| Medals, including only old or second-hand war medals, humane societies', and other similar medals; also old coins ... ..  |  |   |  |   |
| Metal <i>fittings</i> , for trunks, portmanteaux, travelling bags, leggings, bags, and satchels ... ..  | Free   | Free  | Free   | Free  |
| Metal sheaves, grooved metal pulleys  | Metal sheaves for blocks and chain pulleys, free   | Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 10 % ad val.                                 | Free   | Free  |
| Metal <i>tubes in the rough</i> , having a slit through their whole length, suited for the manufacture of fenders, bedsteads, gates, and the like articles ... .. | Not tariffed   | Free  | Free   | Free  |
| Metal-wire of all kinds, plain; metal cordage not otherwise enumerated, not being gold or silver; also barbed fencing wire, and fencing-staples ...               | Iron wire, n.o.e., including fencing wire, plain and barbed; also wire of brass, copper, or lead, free | Free  | Free   | Free  |
| Metal wove wire, and metal gauze; also wire netting, and expanded metal lathing or fencing, in the piece ... ..   |  | Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 10 % ad val.                                 | Free   | Free  |
| Metallic capsules ... ..  | Free   | Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 10 % ad val.                                 | Free   | Free  |
| Meters, gas, or electricity, being household supply meters ... ..   | 10 % ad val.   | Free  | Free   | Free  |
| Meters—water ... ..   | 20 % ad val.   | 20 % ad val.  | Free   | Free  |
| Motor engines for bicycles ... ..   | Electro motors, 10 % ad val.   | Free  | Free   | Free  |
| Moulders' chaplets and dowels ...   | 30 % free   20 %   | Free  | Free   | Free  |
| Perambulators, and the like vehicles, fittings for, not otherwise enumerated  | Free   | Free  | Free   | Free  |
| Perforated or cellular sheet zinc or iron   | Free   | Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 10 % ad val.                                 | Free   | Free  |
| Portable engines on four or any greater number of wheels, with boiler of locomotive type; also traction engines ... ..  |  |   |  |   |
| Printing type, and printing materials not otherwise enumerated, suited only for the use of printers...  | Free   | Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 10 % ad val.                                 | Free   | Free  |

\* Concentrators and rubber endless belts for same are to remain free of duty after 31st March, 1908.

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| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty.                                |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.                                   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XII.—<i>continued.</i></b>   |   |   |   |   |
| Rails for railways and tramways, including lay outs, and points, and crossings, for the same; also fish-plates ... ..   | 20 % ad val.  | Fish plates 20 % ad val., other free  | 20 % ad val.                                      | Free  |
| Rivets, and washers ... ..  | Free  |   |   |   |
| Rock drills, diamond drills and drill sharpeners ... ..   | Free  |   |   |   |
| Set screws, engineers' studs, and split pins ... ..   | Free  |   | Free  | Free  |
| Sewing, knitting, and kilting machines  | Free  |   |   |   |
| <i>Spray pumps</i> not being syringes ...   | Free  |   |   |   |
| Steam or hydraulic pressure, and vacuum gauges; pressure indicators or pressure gauges for gas or oil engines ... ..  | Free  |   | Free to 31st March, 1908: thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Speed indicators, engineers', for testing machinery ... ..  | 30 % ad val.   20 % ad val.   |   |   |   |
| Surveyors' instruments — viz., steel bands, chains, measuring tapes, field instruments, and drawing instruments; draughtsmen's drawing instruments ... ..                     | Steel bands and measuring tapes, free; drawing instruments 20 % ad val. |   | Free to 31st March, 1908: thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Tacks, and nails, 1 in. and under ...   | All kinds of tacks free   |   | Free  | Free  |
| Tea packing lead ... ..   |   |   | Free  | Free  |
| Tinsmiths' <i>fittings</i> , and <i>furniture</i> , including stamped or blocked tin or copper, planished or unplished ...  |   |   | Free  | Free  |
| Welded and flanged boiler furnaces, plain or corrugated ... ..  | Free  |   | Free to 31st March, 1908: thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Zinc, plain sheet ... ..  |   |   |   |   |
| Zinc plates or copper plates for photographic work ... ..   |   |   |   | Free  |
| <b>CLASS XIII.</b>  |   |   |   |   |
| <i>Timber, &amp;c.</i>  |   |   |   |   |
| Ash, hickory, lancewood, and beech-wood timber, unwrought ... ..  | Free  |   |   |   |
| Blacksmiths', brasiers', assay, and treadle power bellows ... ..  | Blacksmiths' bellows free; other, not tariffed                          |   |   |   |
| Carriage or cart makers' materials—viz., shafts, spokes, and felloes, <i>in the rough</i> ; hubs, all kinds; poles if unbent and unplanned, all kinds; bent wheel rims ... .. | Free  |   |   | Free  |
| <i>Chassis</i> for <i>motor vehicles</i> , whether attached or unattached to such vehicles, including wheels therefor   | Not tariffed  |   |   |   |
| Churns ... ..   | Free  |   |   |   |
| Lignum-vitæ ... ..  | Free  |   |   |   |

**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

**SCHEDULE B—continued.**

| Names of Articles.   | Old Rates of Duty. | New Rates of Duty.  |
|--|--------------------|---|
|  | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XIII.—continued.</b>  |                    |   |
| Material for the manufacture of carriages, carts, drays, and waggons, motor vehicles, and railway cars or waggons—viz., springs, truck pedestals, <i>mountings, trimmings</i> , hinges, tyre bolts, shackle holders, step treads, rubber cloth, rubber tires, pneumatic rubber tires, outer covers of rubber, inner tubes; also <i>iron or metal fittings</i> (except steps, lamp irons, dash irons, seat rails, and fifth wheels) for the manufacture of carriages, carts, drays, waggons, and motor vehicles (other than <i>motor bicycles</i> , or railway or tramway cars or waggons) ... .. | Mostly free        | Free  |
| Sieves, hair ... ..  | Free               |   |
| Wooden handles for tools ... ..  | Free               |   |
| <b>CLASS XIV.</b>  |                    |   |
| <i>Oils, &amp;c.</i>   |                    |   |
| Oils in vessels capable of containing one gallon of oil or more—viz., <i>Refined</i> mineral oils not exceeding in specific gravity 870 at 60 deg. F; fish, penguin, mutton bird, seal, and whale oils ... ..  |                    |   |
| Note.—It is stated in the new Tariff that mixtures of mineral or vegetable oils, with each other, or with fish, penguin, mutton bird, seal, whale, or other oils, shall be charged with duty (1) if imported in vessels capable of containing one gallon of oil or more, as oil, n.o.e., including mineral and lubricating oil (class xiv., schedule A.); (2) if imported in vessels having a lesser capacity than one gallon, 20 per cent. ad valorem.  |                    |   |
| Paints, and colours, not otherwise enumerated ... ..   | Free               | Free to 31st March, 1908; thereafter 10 % ad val.                                 |
| Turpentine; turpentine substitute composed of volatile mineral oils, or of volatile mineral oils in combination with turpentine, or other volatile vegetable oils; liquid <i>driers</i> ; terebene ... ..  | Free               | Free  |
| Wood naphtha ... ..  | 6d. per gallon     | Free  |

## DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.

## SCHEDULE B—continued.

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.                           |  | New Rates of Duty.                                |   |
|---|--|--|---|---|
|   | General Tariff.                              | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions | General Tariff.                                   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| <b>CLASS XV.</b>  |  |  |   |   |
| <i>Agricultural Farm Products, &amp;c.</i>  |  |  |   |   |
| Linseed ... ..  | £1 per ton                                   |  | Free  |   |
| <b>CLASS XVI.</b>   |  |  |   |   |
| <i>Miscellaneous.</i>   |  |  |   |   |
| Apparatus, appliances, articles, and materials, for educational purposes, as may be approved by the Minister, and under conditions prescribed by him ... .. | Free   |  | Free  |   |
| Bagging, bags, or sacks, of jute or hessian; also cornsacks ... ..  | Jute, bagging, bags and sacks, free          |  | Free  |   |
| Bags made of New Zealand tow or flax ... ..   | Free   |  | Free  |   |
| <i>Belting</i> , for driving machinery, other than leather belting, and not being cordage or rope ... ..  | Free   |  | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| <i>Binder-twines</i> ... ..   | Free   |  | Free  | Free  |
| Bricks, other than fire-bricks ... ..   | Free   |  | Free  | Free  |
| Candle-nuts, and candle-nut kernels...  | Free   |  | Free  | Free  |
| Candle-wick ... ..  | Free   |  | Free  | Free  |
| Canvas aprons and elevators, for reapers and binders ... ..   | Free   |  | Free  | Free  |
| Canvas, indiarubber, or other hose, tubing, or piping, armoured or otherwise; flexible metal hose, tubing, or piping ... ..                                 | Free   |  | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 20 % ad val. | Free  |
| Charts and maps ... ..  | Free   |  | Free  | Free  |
| Confectioners' moulding starch ...  | Free   |  | Free  | Free  |
| Cork, cut: bungs; fishermen's cork floats; also <i>plain unornamental stoppers</i> of every description for bottles, jars, and casks ... ..                 | Cork, cut, including bungs, 20 % ad val.     |  | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Cotton and other waste, engineers ...   | Cotton waste, free                           |  |   |   |
| Diving dresses, and dresses suited solely for use in poisonous gases or smoke, with apparatus peculiar thereto ... ..                                       | Diving dress apparatus and fittings, free    |  | Free  | Free  |
| Dyes; dye stuffs; and dyeing materials, <i>crude</i> ... ..   | Dye stuffs and dyeing materials, crude, free |  |   |   |
| Engine packing... ..  | Not tariffed                                 |  | Free  | Free  |
| Felt sheathing ... ..   | Free   |  | Free to 31st March, 1908, thereafter 10 % ad val. | Free  |
| Gum boots, half-knee, knee or thigh, the soles of which may be of either leather or rubber ... ..   | Gum boots, 20 % ad val.                      | Gum boots, free  |   | Free  |

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*SCHEDULE B—*continued.*

| Names of Articles.  | Old Rates of Duty.  |   | New Rates of Duty. |   |
|---|---|---|--------------------|---|
|   | General Tariff.   | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. | General Tariff.    | Tariff on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of some part of the British Dominions. |
| CLASS XVI.— <i>continued.</i>   |   |   |                    |   |
| Hawseers of 12 ins. or over ...   | Free  |   |                    |   |
| Honey and brown Windsor soap composition ...  | Free  |   |                    |   |
| Indiarubber gloves ...  | Not tarified  |   |                    |   |
| Manures ...   |   |   |                    |   |
| Marble, granite, and other stone, hewn or rough sawn, not dressed or polished ...   | Free  |   |                    |   |
| Netmakers' cotton twine, nets, seine fishing ...  | Nets, 20% ad val.; other, free  |   |                    |   |
| Official supplies for consular officers of countries where a similar exemption exists in favour of British consuls ...  | Free  |   |                    |   |
| Paper-makers' felts ...   |   |   |                    |   |
| Passengers' baggage and effects, including only wearing apparel and other personal effects that have been worn or are in use by persons arriving in the colony; also implements, instruments, and tools of trade, occupation, or employment, of such persons, not exceeding £50 in value, and household or other effects not exceeding £100 in value, which have been in use for twelve months prior to embarkation by the persons or families bringing them to the colony, and which are not intended for any other person or persons, or for sale; also cabin furnishings belonging to such persons not exceeding in value £10. | Free (but no limitation as to value of tools of trade, occupation, &c., and of cabin furnishings) |   |                    |   |
| Provided that goods falling within the above exemption may be admitted free, only, if imported within two years of the arrival in the colony of the persons or families by whom they have been used.  |   |   | Free               |   |
| Plaster of Paris ...  |   |   |                    |   |
| Powder, viz.: blasting powder, and blasting meal ...  | Free  |   |                    |   |
| Returned empties which are identified as such to the satisfaction of a Collector of Customs ...   | Not tarified  |   |                    |   |
| Shipbuilders' models of vessels suited only for exhibition ...  |   |   |                    |   |
| Ship chandlery, not otherwise enumerated ...  |   |   |                    |   |
| Ships' rockets, blue lights, danger-signals, and rocket life-saving apparatus ...   | Free  |   |                    |   |

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*SCHEDULE B—*continued.*

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| CLASS XVI.— <i>continued.</i>   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Stones, mill, grind, oil, and whet ...  | Free               |   |                    |   |
| Tobacco for sheep-wash, or for insecticide, after being rendered unfit for human consumption to the satisfaction of the Minister ...  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Treacle or molasses, mixed with bone-black in proportions to the satisfaction of the Minister ...   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Typewriters ...   | Free               |   |                    |   |
| Wax, bottling ...   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Wool packs, and wool pockets ...  | Free               |   |                    | Free  |
| Yarn—viz.: coir, flax, jute, and hemp   |                    |   |                    |   |
| Articles and materials (as may from time to time be specified by the Minister) which are suited only for, and are to be used solely in, the fabrication or repair of goods within the colony. All decisions of the Minister in reference to articles so admitted free to be published from time to time in the " <i>Gazette</i> " ... |                    |   |                    |   |
| And all articles not otherwise enumerated.  |                    |   |                    |   |
| Provided that all goods falling under this Schedule, which are <i>prison made</i> , shall be charged an ad valorem duty of 20 per cent.   |                    |   |                    |   |





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The Corporation do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**CONTRACTS.**

Borough of Tunbridge Wells.  
To Road Contractors.  
Private Street Works.

The Council of the Borough are prepared to receive tenders for the Paving, Metalling, and Making Up of Erskine Park-road (part of).

Plans, sections, and specifications can be seen, and copies of the bill of quantities can be obtained, at the office of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. W. H. Maxwell, Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

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W. C. CRIPPS,

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Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells,  
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(By order of the Council)

F. HOLMAN,

Clerk.

High-street, Lewes,  
November 11, 1907.

**CONTRACTS.**

VICTORIA, January 7th, 1908.—The Postmaster-General requires tenders for 11 sections of a common-battery switch-board and 3,000 subscribers' telephones and other apparatus, for the telephone exchange at Windsor.

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TOBARRA.—Tenders have just been invited by the municipal authorities of Tobarra (province of Albacete) for the concession for the electric lighting of the town during a period of four years, and by the municipal authorities of Aljoraya (Valencia province) for a term of three years.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, June, 1908.—The municipal authorities of Buenos Ayres are reported to be about to invite tenders for the concession for the construction and working of an underground electric tramway in the city. Tenders will be received until June 1st, 1908, and particulars may be had from the Legation in Paris.

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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. — registered telegraphic address, "Advantage, London," Code—5th Edition A.B.C., telephone number 12807 Central. A statement of the objects and work of the Branch will be found on p. 439.

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## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The Secretary of State for War gives notice that builders desirous of being applied to when tenders are invited for work in the several Military Districts, should address the General Officer commanding the District in which they desire to carry out such services, giving trade and bank references, and stating whether they wish to tender for:—

**Works and Repairs**  
(including  
Painting) to  
**Military Buildings.**

(a) Jobbing work, painting and repairs;

(b) New buildings or works up to 5,000*l.* estimated value;

(c) New buildings or works of any magnitude above 5,000*l.*

Applications unaccompanied by references will not be noticed. Firms whose names are already on the War Office list need not apply.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of (1) carriages, (2) wheels and axles. The conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director-General of Stores, India Office, Whitehall, S.W., and tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 p.m. on the 10th December.

**Carriages:**  
**Wheels and**  
**Axles.**

A copy of the conditions and specification may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of:—1. Coal wagons and brake vans; 2. Wheels and axles; as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C. Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Coal Wagons, &c.," or as the case may be, not later than noon on the 4th December. The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

**Coal Wagons,**  
**Brake Vans,**  
**Wheels and Axles.**

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company are prepared to receive, up to noon on the 3rd December, tenders for the supply of steel tyres for carriages and wagons, and brass boiler tubes. Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained at the Company's Offices, Gloucester House, 2, 3 and 4, Bishopsgate Street

**Steel Tyres and**  
**Brass**  
**Boiler Tubes.**

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**BRITISH INDIA—continued.**

Without, London, E.C., on payment of 21s. each (which will not be returned). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The Board of Directors of the Burma Railway Company, Limited, are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of 2,450 spoke wheels. Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the Company's Offices, 199, Gresham House, London, E.C. For each specification a fee of 20s. will be charged, which will not be returned. Tenders, enclosed in sealed envelopes, and endorsed "Tender for Spoke Wheels," must be delivered not later than the 29th November. The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Commercial Enquiries.****HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London firm of merchants and importers are prepared to receive large supplies of casein from Canada.

A firm of cutlery and silver plate manufacturers in Sheffield desire to secure an opening in Canada for their table cutlery, razors, butchers' knives, &c., and silver-plated goods, and would like to hear from Canadian importers.

The manufacturer of an electric machine for copying drawings of constructional works, &c., desires to bring the same under the notice of interested parties in Canada.

**TURKISH ENQUIRY.**

A British firm at Constantinople are desirous of taking up the sale of Canadian produce likely to be saleable in Turkey.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A Toronto firm of wall-paper manufacturers desire to be placed in touch with English or Scotch manufacturers of dyed jute or burlap for wall decoration.

Enquiry is received from a firm of machinery dealers at Winnipeg for the names of British manufacturers of machinery, steel and steel products desiring representation in Western Canada.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

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#### **CANADA—continued.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

#### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London firm ask to be placed in communication with Canadian shippers of **apple waste (cores, skins, &c.)**.

A Midland company manufacturing **brass foundry goods, also plumbers' supplies, sanitary goods, &c.**, seek suitable Canadian resident agents.

A Scotch firm manufacturing **reed baskets**, as used by fish and game dealers, would like to get into communication with Canadian importers of these goods.

A London firm seek a first class representative in Toronto for the sale of **pepper spices** and similar products.

#### **CANADIAN ENQUIRY.**

A company in Halifax, Nova Scotia, wish to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of **structural iron and steel (including girders and beams)**, also **steel plate for boilers and ships, cast iron water pipes, and manufactures of iron and steel** of similar description.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

Tenders will be received at the Supply and Tender Board Office, Adelaide, up to 3 p.m. on the 8th January, 1908, for the supply of the following materials, delivered in bond, on wharf, Port Adelaide;

##### **Railway Materials.**

wharfage to be paid by the contractor:—

60 best mild steel boiler plates; 32 copper wrapping plates; 18 copper tube plates, flanged (two drawings, 1s. 6d. each); 12 copper back plates, flanged (one drawing, 1s. 6d. each); 700 bars best Yorkshire iron; 54 bars best Yorkshire angle iron (five drawings, 1s. each); 18 bars best Yorkshire tee iron (two drawings, 1s. each); 212 plates charcoal iron; 12 steam pressure gauges (one drawing, 1s. 6d. each); 30 spiral springs for safety valves (two drawings, 1s. 6d. each); 2,500 solid drawn best toughened copper tubes; 500 bars best soft rolled copper; 12 solid drawn best copper steam pipes; 128 solid drawn best copper pipes; 12 circular plates of best Yorkshire iron; 144 mild steel plates; 82 best steel straight axle forgings (five drawings, 1s. 6d. each); 368 engine and tender tyres (eleven drawings, 1s. each); 200 best steel straight axles, 5 ft. 3 in. (one drawing, 1s. 6d. each); 100 best steel straight axles, 5 ft. 3 in. (one drawing, 1s. 6d. each); 200 best steel straight axles,

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3 ft. 6 in. (one drawing, 1s. 6d. each); 200 cast steel wheel centres, 5 ft. 3 in. (one drawing, 5s. each); 400 cast steel wheel centres, 3 ft. 6 in. (one drawing, 5s. each); 1,000 carriage and wagon tyres (two drawings, 1s. each); 40 cast steel base plates for screw jacks (one drawing, 3s. 6d. each); 500 mild steel plates (one drawing, 1s. each); 60 bars convex iron (one drawing, 1s. each); 25 bars channel steel; 200 bars angle steel (one drawing, 1s. each); 150 mild steel plates or bars.

Specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the Supply and Tender Board office, and the office of the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Islington, South Australia. Copies of indent, with specifications complete (26s. each) and drawings, may be obtained at the Chief Mechanical Engineer's office, Islington, South Australia. A copy of the specification, received from the Board of Trade Correspondent at Adelaide (Mr. J. Cresswell) may be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

Date of delivery, as well as the names of the manufacturers of the materials tendered for, must be distinctly stated in each tender. The materials are subject to the inspection, test, and approval of the Government inspecting engineer in London, or the Chief Mechanical Engineer, in Adelaide. The expenses of the inspecting engineer will be paid by the Agent-General, London (except in cases as specified), who will also advance 75 per cent. on the contract on receipt of bills of lading, insurance policy, and the usual shipping documents, accompanied by the certificate of the inspecting engineer; and the balance of the contract will be paid in Adelaide or London, at the option of the contractor, upon satisfactory delivery of the materials.

Successful tenderers will be required, within seven days of date of notice of acceptance of tender, to enter into an agreement and make a deposit equal to 5 per cent. of the total value of their accepted tender as security for the due fulfilment of contract. Tenders should be indorsed "Tender for railway materials." Neither the lowest or any tender necessarily accepted.

Mr. Cresswell further reports, under date of 24th October, that the Adelaide Municipal Tramways Trust have decided to call for tenders immediately for the supply of special steel work for switches, crossings, and turnouts generally for the new lines approved, and also for the supply of rail fastenings for the whole of the tracks. In order to reduce the number of rail joints in the permanent way, it was decided to adopt the method of Thermit welding, which has been successfully applied in other places, and the quantity of copper wire now required having been determined, tenders are to be called for its supply.

**Steel Work for  
Electric  
Tramways.**

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#### **EGYPT.**

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of 13th November announces that tenders are invited by the Prisons' Administration for the supply of the following articles for the year 1908:—Cement, coal, timber, iron, hardware, tools, oils and paints, shoe-making appliances, English soap, cotton thread, wool, kitchen utensils of copper, &c., &c. Tenders must be submitted on stamped paper of 80 millièmes (to be obtained from Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.), and must reach the Inspector-General of Prisons, Ministry of the Interior, Cairo, not later than midday on 21st December.

The conditions and specifications may be inspected at the Offices of the Administration, at Cairo.

#### **RUSSIAN MANCHURIA.**

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe) has received an application from a trader in Kobe who wishes to get into communication with makers of machinery desirous of obtaining a footing in the Vladivostok market. The applicant states that he has a connexion with a Russian firm in Vladivostok well placed for obtaining Government contracts for all kinds of railway material, lubrications, machinery, &c., and who have been contractors to the Government for all kinds of machinery used in fortifications, road-building, bridges, well-boring, &c.

Communications from British firms relative to the above should be sent to the Commercial Attaché, British Consulate-General, Yokohama.

#### **NORWAY.**

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) has forwarded particulars of the following Norwegian Government contracts open to tender\* :—

|                       |  |
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| <b>Steel Pipes,</b>   | Horten of 35 boiler plates, tenders to be                    |
| <b>Galvanised</b>     | delivered at Marinens Intendantur, Horten, by                |
| <b>Check Nails.</b>   | 1 p.m. on the 30th November; and 7,020 weldless steel pipes, |

\* Apart from the usual Customs duties a preference of from 10 to 15 per cent. is given to Norwegian manufacturers. In all cases of Norwegian Government contracts it is obligatory that a resident agent should act for tenderers not residing in Norway, and be responsible to the Government, but it is not necessary for the agent to be a Norwegian firm.

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tenders to be delivered at the same address by 1 p.m. on the 6th December.

2. The supply to the State Railways of 239,500 galvanised check nails. Tenders, marked "Anbud paa Kontrolspiger," are to be delivered at Styrelsens for Statsbanernes Expeditionskontor, Christiania, by 3 p.m. on the 13th December.

Copies of the specifications and conditions relating to the above, with a sample of the nails required by the State Railways, may be inspected by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Legation in Norway reports that at a Council of State held on the 11th November, a scheme for railway construction in that country during the next twelve years was adopted. The scheme, which

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will be laid before the Storting when it meets in January, includes (1) a continuation of the Gudbrandsdalen Railway from Otta to Støren, and a widening of the Støren-Trondhjem line; (2) a line from Domaas, on the projected Otta-Støren line, to the base of the Romsdals Fjord; (3) an extension of the Christiania-Kongsberg line to Kragerø with a short branch to Motodden; (4) an extension of the Arendal-Aamlid Railway to Tveitsund; (5) an extension of the Nordland Railway from Sunnan to Grong; (6) two branches off the Christiania-Bergen Railway—Myrdal to Fretheim and Voss to Eide.

The total cost of laying these lines is estimated at 59,200,000 kroner (3,288,888*l.*), which includes about 3,000,000 kroner (166,666*l.*) that will be raised in the districts through which the lines will pass.

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**BELGIUM.**

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of 24th November announces that the Société Nationale des chemins de fer vicinaux invite tenders for the construction of the section of the Courtrai

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Construction.**

to Peca railway, from Peca (station) to Belleghem (Kruisstraat), at the estimated cost of 261,059 frs. (about 10,442*l.*). A deposit of 26,000 frs. (about 1,040*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders, by registered post, should be sent in to the offices of the Société, rue de la Science 14, Brussels, before the 17th December, where also specifications may be obtained at the cost of 1 fr.

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#### **FRANCE.**

Referring to the notice on pages 352-3 of the "Board of Trade

**Centrifugal  
Pumps and  
Electrical  
Machinery for  
Waterworks.**

Journal" of 21st November, relative to a call for tenders by the Lyons municipal authorities for the supply and installation of centrifugal pumps and electric machinery at the municipal waterworks, H.M. Consul at that city (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) now reports that as the precise significance of the clause dealing with the nationality of the contractor seemed open to doubt, he wrote to the mayor for information as to the effect of the provision. From the latter's reply it appears that it is obligatory that a constructor (either of pumps or motors, or of both) of French nationality should tender and accept the sole responsibility for the fulfilment of the whole contract. As, however, it is unlikely that the French contractor will be a constructor both of centrifugal pumps and electric motors, there is nothing, in Mr. Vicars' opinion, to prevent British makers of either offering to supply him with that part of the work which is outside his own particular province.

Mr. Vicars also states that the preliminary papers, which are to be put in by tenderers by the 1st December, are the certificates of competence, and these affect only the French contractor.

#### **FRANCE-TUNIS.**

- The "Journal Officiel Tunisien" contains a copy of a Decree authorising the appropriation of certain land for the construction of branch lines from Kairouan to Sbiba and to Henchir-Sonatir.

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Construction.**

#### **FRANCE-SENEGAL.**

- The "Journal Officiel du Sénégal" of 9th November contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession to MM. Perignon and Corbisier for the exploration and exploitation of the mines in Senegal.

**Mining Plant.**

#### **SPAIN.**

- The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 15th November contains a copy of a Decree granting a concession for the construction of a secondary railway from Benavente to Villanueva del Campo, in the province of Zamora.

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Construction.**

- The "Gaceta" of 16th November announces that tenders are invited for the erection of a light of the 6th order on the Jagomago, in Ibiza, province of Balears, at the estimated cost of 73,832 pesetas

**Lighthouse  
Construction.**

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**SPAIN—continued.**

(about 2,570*l.*). Tenders must be sent in before the 16th December to "El Ministerio de Fomento," Madrid. Local representation is necessary. The "Gaceta" containing further particulars may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The "Gaceta" of 18th November contains a copy of a Decree authorising D. Pedro Buscaróns y Pierra to appropriate water from the river Gállego for industrial purposes.

**Electrical Appliances.** H.M. Commercial Attaché at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell) reports that in view of the great development of electricity all over Spain, this is no doubt a direction in which the consumption is likely to be regular. There is no manufacture in Spain, in spite of the vast amount of copper exported from the country, and provided the labour required for this purpose does not require to be highly skilled, it appears to be a field for enterprise. At any rate, British manufacturers might attack the import business, which is shown, from the presence of France, not to be the monopoly of Germany to the same extent as other electrical business.

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**ITALY.**

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" of 17th November announces that Signor Enrico Ferruzzi has made an application for the construction of a railway from Sora to join the Rome-Naples line at Cassino, and also a branch communicating with Formia.

The "Bollettino" of 21st November announces that the "Consiglio superiore dei lavori pubblici" has approved the project for the construction of a new railway of narrow gauge, which is to join the existing line from Schio-Torre to Recoaro.

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**AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.**

The "Lieferungswesen" of 21st November announces that the K.K. Staatsbahndirektion at Pilsen invite tenders for the construction of an iron railway bridge of 35 tons. Tenders must be sent in before the 8th December to the Staatsbahndirektion, where particulars may be obtained.

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#### **BULGARIA.**

H.M. Vice-Consul at Sofia (Mr. G. O'B. Toulmin) reports as follows with regard to possible openings for British trade in Bulgaria :—

"An important opening for British manufacturers of machinery has been created by the increasing number of factories, tanneries, mills, &c., that are in course of erection throughout the Principality, and the quantity of machinery imported in 1906 far exceeded that in 1905. The looms and fittings in many of these industrial establishments are of British make, and this opening for British trade, if actively pushed, should be largely developed.

**Machinery and Plant.**

"A considerable quantity, too, of British machinery for agricultural purposes was imported in 1906, and, as the State now helps the peasant to purchase up-to-date machines for reaping, threshing, &c., by making him advances on his land, produce and stock, it may be hoped that there will be a still greater demand for this class of goods from the United Kingdom.

**Agricultural Machinery.**

"The continued activity of the building trade provides another good opening for British manufacturers of window-glass, iron bars and sheets, girders, bolts, screws and nails.

**Builders' Material.**

"The Bulgarian Government is, moreover, rapidly extending its system of railways, and an opening thus presents itself for the supply of coal, locomotives, rolling-stock, iron bridges and rails.

**Coal, Railway Material, &c.**

"Besides Government requirements, there are various municipal enterprises in which British contractors and manufacturers should obtain a share, such as electric lighting and traction, water supply, paving of streets, drainage, &c., and, together with these improvements, a better class of hotels will be built in the principal towns of Bulgaria to replace the existing ones, which are primitive in design, construction and sanitation. . . .

**Plant, &c., for Municipal Enterprises.**

"In conclusion, it should be stated that British manufacturers of tool steel, corrugated iron, files, iron and steel plates, oils, paints, chemicals, leathers, canvas, laundry soaps, biscuits, cutlery, stationery, glass-ware, hosiery and sewing machines should have every chance of competing against other foreign importers."

**General Openings.**

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#### **MEXICO.**

The "Diarios Oficiales" of 29th October and 4th, 6th, and 7th November contain the following particulars of applications made to the Mexican Government by various persons for appropriating water from certain rivers for motive power:—

| "Diario." | Applicant.                   | River.                  | State.                                 |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 29th Oct. | Sr. P. Crenier ...           | de los Remedios ...     | Mexico.                                |
| 4th Nov.  | Sr. Luis G. Zaldivar...      | La Ciénega and de Lerma | Mexico.                                |
| "         | Sr. José de Jesus García ... | de la Laja ...          | Guanajuato.                            |
| 6th Nov.  | Sr. Alberto Stein ...        | del Presidio...         | Sinaloa.                               |
| 7th Nov.  | Sr. Jesús J. Portugal ...    | Tlapaneco ...           | Between States of Puebla and Guerrero. |

#### **CHILE.**

**Bridge and Building Material.** See notice on p. 413.

#### **BRAZIL.**

H.M. Consul at Santos (Mr. R. Casement, C.M.G.) reports that hams are imported into that port chiefly from the United Kingdom, and that an opening certainly exists for the extension of this trade, wherein Irish dealers might profitably share. So, too, with bacon, which at present is chiefly imported from the United States. There is, adds the Consul, a distinct want of food-stuffs of this kind in Santos and São Paulo.

NOTE.—See p. 452 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 6th March, 1902, and p. 76 of the "Journal" of 10th April, 1902, with reference to the requirements of the Brazilian Law respecting the importation of food-stuffs.

#### **CHINA.**

H.M. Consul-General at Shanghai (Sir Pelham Warren, K.C.M.G.) has forwarded particulars relative to an invitation issued by the Municipal Council of the French Concession at Shanghai, for designs and plans for the construction of various municipal buildings. The competition closes on the 15th February next. Designs, in sealed envelopes, should be

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addressed to "Monsieur le President du Conseil d'Administration Municipale de la Concession Française, Shanghai.

The conditions of the competition, together with a plan of the site of the proposed buildings, may be seen by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**EXHIBITION.****RUSSIA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 208 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 1st August last respecting an International Exhibition of Furnishing and Decorative Arts to be held at St. Petersburg next summer, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, copies of the programme and regulations, together with forms of application for space. These may be obtained by intending British exhibitors on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE RESPECTING THE CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' SAMPLES.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of an agreement recently concluded between His Majesty's Government and the Government of France for the purpose of facilitating the accomplishment of the formalities referred to in Article 6 of the Anglo-French Commercial Convention of 28th February, 1882, which provides for the duty-free admission into either country of samples and patterns brought by commercial travellers of the other country. The full text of this agreement will shortly be published in the "Treaty Series" issued by the Foreign Office.

For notices of similar agreements concluded by His Majesty's Government with the Governments of Belgium and Switzerland see "Board of Trade Journal" for 29th November, 1906, p. 399, and 7th March, 1907, p. 477.

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## BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.

**Spain.**—Mr. S. P. Cockerell, Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Madrid, commenting upon trade in Spain, remarks that Spaniards are very conservative, and prefer to continue with an article of fair quality only, which they know, rather than try experiments with the unknown, although it may be better. They drift instinctively along the line of least resistance—a characteristic which it is most important to appreciate in dealing with them, and which makes it desirable to eliminate wherever possible the difficulties and details which are usually left to the importer to deal with. For this reason also the use of British measurements and money places those who use them at an even greater disadvantage in Spain than in many other countries, in competition with those who employ the metric system.

“A considerable development,” Mr. Cockerell continues, “has taken place in recent years; railway facilities are greater, and commercial travellers—especially Germans—are to be found everywhere. Nevertheless, there are still many places out of touch with the big centres. . . .

“Spaniards are not enterprising in business, and few care to venture on a new industry or undertaking. But no sooner has one done so with success than his example is certain to be copied by many others, and over-supply rapidly ensues.

“Combinations for regulating prices and production have so often proved to be agreements made to be broken, that such arrangements are rarely made, and are generally unsuccessful. The characteristic above referred to draws, therefore, in its trail the ruin of all except those who went in early enough to have time to strengthen their position before the cut-throat competition began.

“Spain is remarkable for its lack of advertising, and the explanation appears to be that the comparative poverty of the market makes any large expenditure of money in this direction exceptionally speculative. Yet in the few instances where advertising by posters and signs as we know it has been resorted to, the effect has been successful, and it is satisfactory to state that in this form of enterprise the chief exponents have been British firms. Of foreign firms, the most noticeable is a German-American steamship company, whose posters are to be seen everywhere in seaports and in railway stations and other places where they are likely to attract the notice of intending emigrants; their posters are attractively got up and are often framed in expensive frames. The tramcars, which are to be found in every Spanish town of importance, are almost neglected as media of advertisement and railway stations are very sparsely covered, if at all. There is an advertising firm in Madrid, but its energies appear to be directed rather to the daily press, and even there full page advertisements are rarely to be seen and are usually badly presented. Engineering journals, such as the ‘*Revista de Obras Publicas*,’ the ‘*Revista Minera*,’ &c., do contain a good many advertisements of engineering firms, among which, it is worth noting, those of German firms largely predominate.”

## AGRICULTURAL RETURNS OF GREAT BRITAIN, 1907. (Produce of Crops.)

The following preliminary statement showing the estimated total produce and yield per acre of Wheat, Barley, and Oats in Great Britain in the year 1907, with comparisons for 1906, and the average yield per acre of the ten years 1897-1906, has been received from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries:—

|               |     | WHEAT.                   |           |           |           |                                   |       |                                     |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
|               |     | Estimated Total Produce. |           | Acreage.  |           | Average Estimated Yield per Acre. |       | Average of the Ten Years 1897-1906. |
|               |     | 1907.                    | 1906.     | 1907.     | 1906.     | 1907.                             | 1906. |                                     |
|               |     | Quarters.                | Quarters. | Acres.    | Acres.    | Bush.                             | Bush. | Bush.                               |
| England       | ... | 6,526,769                | 6,977,980 | 1,537,208 | 1,661,147 | 33·97                             | 33·61 | 31·15                               |
| Wales         | ... | 187,969                  | 158,514   | 39,921    | 44,403    | 27·65                             | 28·56 | 26·08                               |
| Scotland      | ... | 236,428                  | 249,977   | 48,307    | 50,059    | 39·15                             | 39·95 | 38·83                               |
| Great Britain |     | 6,901,166                | 7,386,471 | 1,625,436 | 1,755,609 | 33·97                             | 33·66 | 31·22                               |

|               |     | BARLEY.                  |           |           |           |                                   |       |                                     |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
|               |     | Estimated Total Produce. |           | Acreage.  |           | Average Estimated Yield per Acre. |       | Average of the Ten Years 1897-1906. |
|               |     | 1907.                    | 1906.     | 1907.     | 1906.     | 1907.                             | 1906. |                                     |
|               |     | Quarters.                | Quarters. | Acres.    | Acres.    | Bush.                             | Bush. | Bush.                               |
| England       | ... | 6,290,730                | 6,246,063 | 1,411,163 | 1,439,708 | 35·66                             | 34·71 | 32·88                               |
| Wales         | ... | 349,622                  | 377,576   | 90,622    | 92,834    | 30·86                             | 32·54 | 31·27                               |
| Scotland      | ... | 904,714                  | 945,540   | 210,309   | 218,681   | 34·41                             | 34·59 | 35·81                               |
| Great Britain |     | 7,545,066                | 7,569,179 | 1,712,094 | 1,751,223 | 35·26                             | 34·58 | 33·14                               |

|               |     | OATS.                    |            |           |           |                                   |       |                                     |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
|               |     | Estimated Total Produce. |            | Acreage.  |           | Average Estimated Yield per Acre. |       | Average of the Ten Years 1897-1906. |
|               |     | 1907.                    | 1906.      | 1907.     | 1906.     | 1907.                             | 1906. |                                     |
|               |     | Quarters.                | Quarters.  | Acres.    | Acres.    | Bush.                             | Bush. | Bush.                               |
| England       | ... | 11,476,709               | 10,191,564 | 1,967,671 | 1,881,031 | 46·66                             | 43·34 | 41·38                               |
| Wales         | ... | 954,263                  | 977,079    | 203,908   | 205,110   | 37·44                             | 38·11 | 34·22                               |
| Scotland      | ... | 4,369,313                | 4,254,462  | 951,011   | 956,816   | 36·76                             | 35·57 | 36·38                               |
| Great Britain |     | 16,800,285               | 15,423,105 | 3,122,590 | 3,042,957 | 43·04                             | 40·55 | 39·29                               |

## MACHINERY TRADE OF SPAIN.

Mr. S. P. Cockerell, Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Madrid, reports that up to the enforcement of the new tariff the United States paid 5 pesetas 70 c. per 100 kilos. more on agricultural machinery than countries enjoying the minimum tariff. This disappeared with the new tariff, in which the duties were in both cases the same, and it would in any case have disappeared with the Spanish-American agreement. Ploughs are imported largely from Germany, but cheaper ones from the United States are being introduced. In the course of the last year the introduction of American disc ploughs has increased, but the heavy freight (from California), added to their high initial cost and the slowness of the Spanish farmer in grasping the details of complicated machinery, impede the business. The question of complexity also applies to binders and reapers. This business is in the hands of American makers. The American Harvesting Trust push their machines so much and give such favourable purchase terms—a risky business when dealing with a machine which is likely to go out of order quickly unless carefully handled. There are one or two British and Canadian houses that do a little business. Their machines are heavier than the American ones. The American sales amount to perhaps 5,000*l.* per annum. There are no reapers or binders made in Spain.

Although electricity generated by hydraulic power is daily increasing as the motive power in Spain, the increase of mechanical (steam or gas) power as an auxiliary is as great as or greater than was the case before electricity reached its present development. Owing to the climatic conditions of Spain, water power varies greatly in summer and winter, and until a cheap and efficient method of storing electric power can be found, there must always be a choice of evils: either of seeing a great deal of power run to waste in winter or of using that power in winter and supplementing it in summer by gas or steam. Only with streams flowing from mountains high enough to retain their snow supply throughout the summer is this not the case, the water power then sometimes actually increasing in summer. Apart from this the conditions usually attaching to concessions for electric lighting in Spain impose heavy fines for failure of current for more than a short period. It is therefore essential to lighting stations to secure themselves by having an auxiliary mechanical plant to fall back upon when they are exposed to droughts such as have been experienced in recent years in Spain. A competent authority has estimated that, taking Spain as a whole, there is an average of 10,000 horse-power available in nearly every province of Spain excepting Castile, of which only some 2,000 to 3,000 horse-power is at present used. Whether this estimate be accurate or not it gives an idea of the latent power which may reasonably be supposed to exist in the country.

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*Machinery Trade of Spain.*

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Preference for foreign machines may often be attributed to the fact that foreign firms, or their agents, are readier in accepting the terms of payment offered by Spanish sellers for the purchase of their engines. Theoretically the usual terms are one-third with order, one-third on leaving the works, or on arrival, and the remaining one-third three months later; but, in practice, one would be fortunate to get normal terms of this kind, buyers liking to pay as much as possible from the profits derived from the machine purchased. The custom of long credits has been introduced within the last eight years by Continental firms, and it is now common to give one, and sometimes up to two years. Under these circumstances, it can be readily understood that "cash with order," which is often asked by British houses, is not very acceptable in Spain.

There is a further reason for the increased business of foreign firms in steam engines, namely, the tendency in erecting electric power stations to purchase the motive power from the same country as the dynamos. British electrical machinery is practically unknown in Spain, and many foreign steam and gas engines owe their presence directly to this fact. Moreover foreign engineers are far more numerous in Spain than British ones, and they naturally have a preference for their own machinery.

In cotton spinning machinery the United Kingdom has the monopoly, while Belgium and France provide the machinery for wool spinning. No such machinery is made in the country. Owing to its heavy cost, the duty is not excessive, as in the case of looms. These latter are imported from the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Switzerland, and are also manufactured in the country, there being some dozen manufacturers in Barcelona, with an estimated annual output of from 1,000 to 1,500 looms. The cotton industry employs a large proportion of the 60,000 looms which it is estimated there are in the country. The loss of the Colonies, followed now by the fall in exchange, has prevented any briskness in the trade in recent years. There is, however, a steady tendency to substitute automatic for ordinary looms.

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## PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

### BELGIUM.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of the Belgian Budget Bill for 1908, which has recently been submitted to the Belgian Legislature. The Bill makes provision for the following alterations of the Customs Tariff, which, if sanctioned by the Chambers, are to take effect from 1st January next:—

(1) Pieces of wood sawn on the four sides, measuring at least 25 cms. square, to be assimilated for tariff purposes to sawn beams.

[NOTE.—Sawn beams (other than of oak or walnut) are dutiable at the rate of 2 francs per cubic metre. At the present time, the Tariff defines sawn beams as *trunks* of trees, squared, dressed with the saw on all four surfaces.]

(2) Steel wire for the manufacture of umbrella and parasol frames, imported in rolls, to be admitted free of duty under conditions to be prescribed by the Minister of Finance.

[NOTE.—At the present time steel wire (other than hollow wire) for the manufacture of umbrella and parasol frames is not admitted free of duty unless it is cut into lengths (*découpé à dimension*). Such wire imported in rolls is dutiable at the rate of 2 francs per 100 kilogs.]

(3) Tubes and pipes of iron or steel in a sheath of tissue coated with tar or asphalt to be assimilated for tariff purposes to iron or steel tubes or pipes simply tarred or coated with red lead.

[NOTE.—At the present time, tubes in a sheath of tissue coated with tar or asphalt pay duty at the rate of 4 francs per 100 kilogs. On the other hand, tubes simply tarred or coated with red lead, to which it is proposed to assimilate such tubes, pay duty as follows:—

|                                    |       |                          |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Butt-welded or welded ...          | ...   | 2 francs per 100 kilogs. |
| Drawn, of an exterior diameter of: |       |                          |
| More than 25 mm. ...               | ... 2 | " " "                    |
| 25 mm. or less ...                 | ... 4 | " " " ]                  |

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## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### DOMINION OF CANADA.

A copy of a cablegram has been received, through the Colonial Office, from the Governor-General of Canada, stating that donations of worn clothing for settlers in Canada are entitled to free entry upon the receiver declaring on the entry form that he is a settler in Canada, that the clothing has been sent by a friend named, and that it is for the use of himself or family.

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### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

With reference to the notice which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 7th November last, respecting the importation and sale of patent medicines in the Australian Commonwealth, the Board of Trade have now received, through the officer-in-charge of the Commonwealth offices in London, copy of a cablegram from the Commonwealth Government, stating that the Patent Medicines Bill was introduced last week, but will probably not be proceeded with before Christmas. It is further stated that the Bill practically reverses section 16 of the Commerce Act, and requires a trade description to disclose the relative formula, unless special exemption is granted.

**NOTE.**—Section 16 of the Commerce Act reads:—

"The regulations under sections 7 and 11 of this Act shall not prescribe a trade description which discloses trade secrets of manufacture or preparation, unless in the opinion of the Governor-General the disclosure is necessary for the protection of the health or welfare of the public."

The "Commonwealth Gazette" for 12th October last contains a Notice, dated 1st October, 1907, which has been issued in accordance with the provisions of Customs Regulation No. 131, and which provides for a drawback of duty, under certain specified conditions, on the under-mentioned imported material used in the manufacture of articles within the Commonwealth upon their exportation:—

**Drawback of  
Duty on  
Parchment  
Paper.**

Parchment paper used in the manufacture of butter-wraps, &c.

#### **SOUTH AFRICA.**

With reference to the notice published in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 19th September last, respecting the regulations to be observed on the importation of second-hand clothing into Natal, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, copy of a despatch from the High Commissioner for South Africa, forwarding similar regulations which have been issued, with effect from 1st June last, by the Government of the Cape of Good Hope.

It is stated in the despatch that the Governments of the Cape of Good Hope and Natal have consented to enforce their regulations in respect of all second-hand clothing introduced into South Africa, and consigned to places within the Transvaal, the Orange River Colony, Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland, and have undertaken to inspect, and, where necessary, to disinfect, all such clothing at the port of entry. As regards

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### SOUTH AFRICA—continued.

Southern Rhodesia, the Customs law of that territory strictly prohibits the importation of second-hand clothing, and the Administration state that it is not intended to depart from their present position in regard to the matter.

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazettes" for 25th October and 5th November, contain Customs

#### Decisions.

Notices (No. 57-8), giving the following Tariff Decisions which have been agreed to by the various parties to the South African Customs Union Convention:—

| Articles and how classed.     | Tariff No. | Rates of Duty.      | Rebate allowed upon Goods, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and reciprocating Colonies. |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---|
| *Shredded wheat ... ..        | 46         | 25 % <i>ad val.</i> | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| Triscuit ... ..               | 46         | 25 % "              | 3 % "   |
| Bacon slicing machines ... .. | 175        | 15 % "              | 3 % "   |

\* Revised decision.

### TRANSVAAL.

The "Transvaal Government Gazette" for 25th October last contains a Government Notice (No. 1,150 of 1907), dated 17th October, 1907, amending the regulations issued under Government Notice No. 32 of 1907\*, respecting the importation of cattle, *via* Natal, into the Transvaal.

These amended regulations provide, *inter alia*, that no person shall import any cattle from the Colony of Natal, except cattle which have been imported for breeding purposes from over-sea, and which have passed through Natal by rail direct under special permit, and under conditions prescribed by the Minister of Agriculture.

The regulations may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The same issue of the "Gazette" contains a further notice (No. 1,163 of 1907), dated 17th October last, laying down, under Ordinance No. 16 of 1904, a regulation, in addition to the regulations issued under Government Notice No. 809 of 1907, for the purpose of preventing the introduction of the plant disease known as "vine mildew" into the Colony.

\* See p. 432 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 28th February last.

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The new regulation provides for the prohibition of the importation of any consignment of vinegar, wine or brandy—in bottle or cask—from certain parts of Cape Colony, except under certain conditions as to the sterilization of the bottles or casks.

#### **GERMANY.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Bundesrat has recently authorised the duty-free importation or re-importation of the following articles, under the conditions governing "improvement" trade:—

**Importation, &c., of certain Articles under "Improvement" Trade Conditions.** (1) Rough and scaled sheet-iron (Tariff No. 786) for the purpose of being worked up by rounding, stamping, coring and clipping (Tariff No. 790).

(2) Rough non-malleable cast iron (parts of mash machines, cooling vats and similar articles) (Tariff No. 782); and rough iron forgings (Tariff No. 798) for the purpose of being worked up by turning and planing (Tariff Nos. 783 and 799)—within the Bavarian-Austrian frontier district.

(3) Tin-plate waste (Tariff No. 843) to be untinned and re-exported.

(4) Home-made gramophone plates of wax, stearine or similar moulding materials (Tariff No. 264) exported in order to receive records of playing and singing.

#### **TURKEY.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the export of barley from any part of the Turkish Empire has been prohibited.

#### **CRETE.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the exportation of horses from Crete is now permitted, subject to payment of a duty of 4 per cent. *ad valorem*. All former regulations on this subject are repealed.

#### **PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

The Philippine "Official Gazette" for the 11th September contains a Law, enacted 14th August, prohibiting the importation into the Islands, by private persons, of silkworms, their eggs or cocoons, or the moths which produce silkworm eggs.

**Importation of Silkworms, Cocoons, &c., Prohibited.**

## *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

### MEXICO.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of a Circular which has been issued by the Mexican Government to its Consuls abroad, instructing them to adhere strictly to the provisions of the Customs regulations which require that the value of each parcel of goods exported to the Republic shall be separately declared in the Consular Invoice. In declaring the value of goods for the purpose of Consular certification, it is not permissible to group together several separate parcels and declare an aggregate value therefor.

**Declaration of the  
Value of Goods  
in Consular  
Invoices.**

### CUBA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the following Circular was published in the Cuban "Gaceta Oficial" for 19th October:—

**Customs Duties  
not to be levied  
on Lost  
Merchandise.** Customs duties shall be collected only on merchandise actually imported into and discharged in Cuba, and not on merchandise lost on the voyage or off lighters, even though such merchandise appear on the manifest or bill of lading. All Circulars opposed to this ruling are withdrawn.

The following decisions respecting the application of the Cuban Customs Tariff are published in the same issue of the "Gaceta":—

| Articles.  | Tariff No.<br>under which<br>dutiable. | Rate of Duty.                        |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
|  |  | Dols. cts.<br>Per 100 <i>kilogs.</i> |
| Spanish sardines, dried and pressed ... ..   | 248                                    | 1 30                                 |
| Sardines in any other form ... ..  | 249                                    | 2 60                                 |
| Earthenware jugs, common, called " <i>porrones</i> ,"<br>" <i>alcarrasas</i> " and " <i>cantaros</i> ," used as kitchen<br>utensils ... .. | 21 (a)                                 | 1 04                                 |

### CHILE.

The "Diario Oficial" of 4th October contains a copy of a Decree authorising the "Ferrocarriles del Estado" to import, free of duty, certain materials required in connexion with the construction of bridges, public buildings, &c.

**Free Importation  
of Bridge and  
Building  
Material.**

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy and translation of an Argentine Law, dated 30th September last, exempting from Customs duty, during a period of ten years, machinery, tools and materials necessary for the installation and working of mining and metallurgical establishments which may be erected or which actually exist in the Republic, including machinery, tools and materials for well-boring.

In order to obtain the exemption in question, the interested parties must make a written application to the Customs House through which it is desired to effect the importation; and charges involved in the verification of the materials will be for account of the applicant.

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**SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.****NORWAY.**

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that it is intended next spring to start a new line of Norwegian steamers from Scandinavian ports to South Africa and Australia. These are to run in connexion with the Swedish and Danish lines, which already have three steamers in this service.

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**DENMARK.**

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that a new line of steamers under the Danish flag has been started from Copenhagen to Philadelphia, calling at Christiania. There are two boats running in this service, having a dead weight capacity of 6,500 and 7,000 tons respectively. The boats are to call at Christiania every month.

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**FRANCE.**

**H.M. Consul-General at Havre** (Mr. H. L. Churchill) reports that the French lines of the Messageries Maritimes and Chargeurs Réunis have combined in order to send one steamer each, alternately, every 45 days to the Far East. The first vessel to leave on this run will be the steamer "Malte," of the Chargeurs Réunis Company, in December. These vessels will take freight and passengers for the following places:—Singapore, Hong Kong, Tientsin, Pekin, Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver.

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**PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA.**

**H.M. Consul-General at Lourenço Marques** (Major J. G. Baldwin) reports that the Governor-General has authorised the construction of a railway from the Port of Inhambane to the Military post of Inharrime, both of which are in the District of Inhambane. The railway is to be of the standard South African gauge, and will have a length of about 60 miles. The portion of the country which the railway will serve is said to be very rich in oil nuts and various kinds of rubber. The average annual amount of the former exported during the last 10 years is 1,667 tons, and of the latter 32 tons, and the Governor of Inhambane expects that the existence of the railway will increase the output of oil nuts by at least 10,000 tons.

The Consul-General adds that a British syndicate applied for a concession to construct the line on the mono-rail system, but the Government have determined to keep the construction in their own hands, and to make use of material they already possess.

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**JAPAN.**

**H.M. Commercial Attaché at Yokohama** (Mr. E. F. Crowe) reports that an Imperial Ordinance appeared in the Japanese Official Gazette of 28th October announcing the opening of the Port of Nagoya to foreign trade on the 10th November. This port, remarks Mr. Crowe, has lately become quite an important industrial centre, but hitherto most of its imports and exports have had to find their way by rail to and from Kobe. It is expected that the opening of the harbour will have the effect of diverting much of the trade of Yokkaichi, which has developed rapidly of recent years, to Nagoya. The principal industries of Nagoya are cotton spinning and weaving, the making of cloths (for the Chinese market) and pottery and cloisonné (for the American and European markets).

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## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### CAPE COLONY.

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of 1st November contains the text of new regulations for the installation and use of electricity in mines. The "Gazette" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

### FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

The following statement, showing the weight of tin and tin ore (tin exported in the form of ore having been taken at 70 per cent. of the gross weight of the ore) exported from the Federated Malay States during the nine months January to September, 1906 and 1907, is taken from the "Selangor Government Gazette":—

| State.                | Nine months ended September, 1906. |                                  |                 | Nine months ended September, 1907. |                                  |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                       | Tin.                               | Tin Exported in the form of Ore. | Total.          | Tin.                               | Tin Exported in the form of Ore. | Total.          |
| Perak ... ..          | Pikuls. 97,099                     | Pikuls. 226,655                  | Pikuls. 323,754 | Pikuls. 78,947                     | Pikuls. 245,302                  | Pikuls. 324,249 |
| Selangor ... ..       | 86,447                             | 114,734                          | 201,181         | 66,410                             | 136,138                          | 202,548         |
| Negri Sembilan ... .. | 36,426                             | 21,571                           | 57,997          | 29,493                             | 26,273                           | 55,766          |
| Pahang ... ..         | 5,864                              | 19,585                           | 25,449          | 9,503                              | 14,430                           | 23,933          |
| Total ... ..          | 225,836                            | 382,545                          | 608,381         | 184,353                            | 422,143                          | 606,496         |

NOTE.—1 Pikul = 133½ lb.

### SPAIN.

The Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell) gives the following information regarding competition with British coal at Barcelona, supplied to him by a gentleman interested in that trade:—

"The only serious competition on this market is the Asturias coal. German coal has been imported in small quantities, some 40,000 tons per annum, during the last two years (1905-6), but quite half this quantity is delivered direct to the electric light company, which is under German management and apparently takes the Westphalian Syndicate coal from patriotic motives. The balance is sold to manufacturers, but always at 1s. to 2s. under the price of good Cardiff coals, and it is practically certain that the cost here is more than that of British coals. Proof of the small importance of the competition is that the Westphalian Syndicate, apparently

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owing to shortage in Germany, is supplying Cardiff coals in completion of its contracts. The quality of Cardiff coals they supply is very poor—what would be called a “third-rate mixture”—so it is evident that their coal is of an inferior quality to good Cardiff. There is no doubt that the British export tax was a great assistance to the German Syndicate, as it gave them an advantage of 1s. per ton, and it is now doubtful whether they will care to export to Spain at all.

“A very important competition is that of electric and water power. Not only are the rivers Llobregat, in the province of Barcelona, and the Ter and Flessers, in the Province of Gerona, now utilised to give a very large horse-power to the many factories on their banks, but the German electric light company are now putting up a 50,000 horse-power plant in Barcelona, and have the intention of putting up several other power stations in other neighbouring centres. This undoubtedly will affect the coal trade considerably.

“A very considerable increase has taken place lately in the consumption of anthracite coal. With the introduction of the producer gas engine the importation of anthracite has augmented during the last 10 years from a few hundred tons to some 10,000 tons per annum. The cost of power from producer gas is reported to be some 25 per cent. cheaper than from steam coal. The total amount of anthracite imported comes from the Swansea district of South Wales. Some Spanish anthracite is produced, but its consumption is of small importance.”

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### ITALY.

H.M. Embassy at Rome reports that the coal deposits in the Magra Valley (see “Board of Trade Journal” of 24th October, p. 176), which are about to be worked by the “Società Anonima Carbonifera Lunense,” are situated at Piampaganello, Caniparola and Castelnuovo Magra, in the Communes of Sarzana and Castelnuovo Magra. Two shafts are at present being sunk, from each of which it is expected to obtain an annual output of 50,000 tons, and the Company contemplate sinking two other shafts so as to bring the annual production up to 200,000 tons. The quality of this lignite is affirmed to be vastly superior to any of the so-called coals hitherto discovered in Italy, and the latest tests to which it has been subjected, according to the Thomson method, are stated to have shown it to possess a heating power of 6435 calories with 2·4 per cent. of cinders.

The Company have secured the perpetual concession of the Piampaganello, Caniparola and Castelnuovo Magra mines, with deposits extending over an area of 10 kilometres, containing seams estimated to produce several million tons, and they are stated to be considering the possibility of utilizing the “schists” and “detritus” for the manufacture of some by-product, or otherwise turning to profitable account the power obtainable therefrom.

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#### ITALY—SICILY.

With reference to the notice on p. 364 of the Board of Trade Journal for 21st November, and previous notices, relative to the Sicilian sulphur industry, H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) now reports that through the Ex-Minister for Finance, Signor Luzatti, fresh negotiations with the Union Sulphur Company have been initiated in order to arrive at an understanding by means of which competition between United States and Sicilian sulphur will be avoided. Mr. Churchill adds that the Director-General of the Sicilian Consorzio has proceeded to Rome for the purposes of these negotiations.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Acting British Consul at Savannah (Mr. A. Harkness) reports that for many years but little attention has been given to the subject of peat deposits in Georgia and Florida, owing perhaps to the fact that coal and wood have not yet reached a point where their use as fuels makes them less economical than peat. Public interest, however, has lately been drawn to this matter by a report of the United States Geological Survey, from which it appears that in Southern Georgia and Florida there are great peat bogs in which are stored almost incalculable quantities of this fuel. Similar bogs are also said to exist in nearly every State of the American Union and particularly in those that border on the sea. At the present time the only peat bog being worked in Florida is a large deposit situated near Orlando, but the operations in this case are carried on in rather a crude manner.

According to statistics compiled by the United States Geological Survey, the total production of coal in the United States during 1906 amounted to 369,788,284 tons (of 2,240 lbs.), of which 306,138,274 tons were bituminous and lignite, and 63,645,010 tons were Pennsylvania anthracite, other anthracite being classed as bituminous. Of the bituminous production 46,156,301 net tons (of 2,000 lbs.) were converted into coke.

The total production of coke from the beehive and by-product ovens of the United States in 1906 surpassed all previous records, amounting to 36,401,217 tons as compared with 32,231,129 tons in the previous year. The value of the total coke product increased in even greater proportion, rising from 72,476,196 dols. in 1905 to 91,608,034 dols. in 1906.

The value of the gold production of the United States in 1906

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was 94,373,800 dols. against 88,180,700 dols. in 1905. The principal increase was in Alaska.

The total production of silver is given as 56,517,900 fine ounces of the commercial value of 38,256,400 dols., as against 56,101,600 fine ounces valued at 34,221,976 dols. in 1905.

The output of petroleum during 1906 amounted to 126,493,936 barrels, having a total value of 92,444,735 dols. California, which furnished nearly one-fourth of this total, holds first place as regards quantity supplied, Kansas and Indian Territory with Oklahoma (jointly) coming next.

**JAPAN.**

The Acting British Consul-General at Yokohama has forwarded a report on the subject of Government inspection of boilers in Japan, which may be consulted by British traders interested, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

**YARNS AND TEXTILES.****BRITISH INDIA.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the monthly return issued by the Indian Government, showing the quantity of cotton yarn spun, and of cotton woven goods produced, in each Province in British India, and in the Native States, during the five months, April to August, of each of the years 1905, 1906, and 1907.

The following is a summarised statement extracted from the above return, giving particulars for the five months, ended August, 1905, 1906, and 1907 :—

|  |         | Five months ended August. |             |             |
|--|---------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  |         | 1905.                     | 1906.       | 1907.       |
| <b>BRITISH INDIA, BERAH, AND NATIVE STATES.</b>      |         |                           |             |             |
| Cotton yarn spun ...                                 | Lbs.    | 292,662,085               | 285,605,367 | 266,350,550 |
| Grey and bleached piece goods ...                    | piece { | 56,180,485                | 56,527,104  | 61,839,556  |
| ... ..   | Yards   | 237,429,864               | 253,546,475 | 270,967,410 |
| Coloured piece goods ...                             | Lbs.    | 11,839,624                | 10,206,730* | 11,327,951* |
| ... ..   | Yards   |                           | 41,664,840  | 46,383,271  |
| Grey and coloured goods (other than piece goods) ... | Lbs.    | 178,311                   | 586,069     | 756,000     |
| Hosiery ...  | "       |                           | 252,894     | 291,210     |
| Miscellaneous goods ...                              | "       | 787,132                   | 158,890     | 106,353     |

\* The quantities of "coloured piece goods" and of "grey and coloured goods (other than piece goods)" produced in the *Native States*, not being separately stated, the total amounts are included in the figures given for "coloured piece goods."

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### SPAIN.

The Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell) reports, in regard to Spanish trade in woollen tissues, that the decline of importation in 1905 (as compared with 1904) may be connected with the action of the woollen weavers in Barcelona and Alcoy, who, after suffering for some years under the effects of over-production in heavy woollens for men, had recourse in 1905 to the manufacture of lighter cloths.

The woollen tissues imported from France consist of black cashmere and merino and shawls, plain and with stitched edge (nuns' veils), embroidered shawls, ladies' dress goods of *dernière nouveauté* from Rheims and Roubaix, and shawls from Paris. The embroidered shawls are the regular form of cloak of Spanish women, and are an imitation of the silk *mantones de Manila*.

In questions of *dernière nouveauté*, Mr. Cockerell remarks, the French cannot be touched in a country with tastes similar to those of the French. Germany shares in the importation of ladies' light woollens of more general use, while the British share is from Bradford in figured goods. It must be remembered that classed among these woollens are articles of wool and cotton in which the woollen threads only form part of the weft or the warp, or of both, or in which they constitute the whole of the weft or the warp, and, moreover, are found in the other part of the tissue, whatever be the proportion in which the wool enters into the mixture.

Double cashmere and merino for priests' clothes comes from Germany (from Gera and Greiz); coloured woollen shawls with silk fringe, and kerchiefs of wool and printed kerchiefs are imported from Schönhaide and Lörrach (Baden).

The Austro-Hungarian importation consists mainly of printed kerchiefs.

The importation of woollens weighing more than 200 grammes is mainly British. The business is done by London dealers in cut lengths, the market being too small and *recherché* to allow of the sale of any large quantity of one pattern. The duty on cloth weighing more than 250 grammes has now been somewhat reduced, and this, combined with the fall in exchange and the increasing fashion for British goods, should make it possible to do more than has been done heretofore.

The question of duties has to be looked at from two directions: not only do the duties represent an increase in the actual price of the goods, amounting sometimes to 100 per cent. or more, but if the goods are sold, as is generally the case, at the factory or c.i.f. Spanish frontier, they also entail the payment by the Spanish merchant of this 100 per cent. within 30 days of the despatch of the goods in the Customs. For the goods themselves the customer may be getting 90 days' credit, but no such credit can be obtained either from the Customs or from the forwarding agent, which means that the money expended in duties must be locked up for many months and interest on it be added to the price of the goods.

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### JAPAN.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a comprehensive report on the raw silk industry of Japan, by Mr. Paton, Student Interpreter in H.M. Embassy at Tokio. It may be consulted by British traders interested, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

**Report on Raw  
Silk Industry.**

### AGRICULTURE.

#### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 23rd November, 1907, were as follows:—

**Corn Prices.**

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Wheat ... ..  | 34s. 7d. |
| Barley ... .. | 27s. 5d. |
| Oats ... ..   | 18s. 9d. |

For further particulars see p. 427.

A statement is published on p. 428, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 23rd November, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

**Imports of Agri-  
cultural Produce.**

### CAPE COLONY.

With reference to the notice on p. 395 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 21st February last, respecting Government inspection of fruit for export from Cape Colony, the "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette" of 5th November notifies that the scheme of inspection which was initiated last season will be continued this season under conditions set forth in the "Gazette," which may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

**Inspection of  
Fruit for Export.**

### NATAL.

The following particulars, relating to certain agricultural industries in Natal, are extracted from the report presented at the annual meeting of the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce on the 29th October last:—

**Agricultural  
Industries.**

**Bark.**—This industry has grown by leaps and bounds, and within the next five years the output of bark should be trebled, as many

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new enterprises will during that period reach the producing stage. Last year the export reached nearly 15,000 tons, as against 13,500 in 1905. Many important companies have started wattle growing within the past few years and others are in course of formation.

It appears that the price of bark has declined during the past year from causes that are obscure, although in certain quarters it is believed that the confidence of buyers has been shaken by the exportation of weathered bark, and probably blue wattle, the latter being low in tannic properties. To combat this a Union has been formed to provide for a "mark" which will be a guide to buyers.

The bark exported during the eight months ended 31st August, 1906, amounted to 26,278,528 lb., valued at 71,689*l.*, while during the same period in 1907 the amount exported increased to 42,017,057 lb., valued at 108,592*l.*

**Fodder.**—For a good many years the effects of rust in destroying the oat hay crops paralysed the fodder industry, but with the discovery of the suitability of certain districts for the growing of lucerne, a new and valuable industry has sprung up. Last year nearly 16,000*l.* worth of lucerne and oat hay (chiefly the latter) was exported, and about 4,000*l.* worth of hay. The fodder industry is rapidly expanding.

**Tea.**—The quantity of tea exported in 1906 was 586,268 lb., valued at 24,288*l.*, while that of sugar amounted to over 50,000,000 lb., valued at more than 400,000*l.*

**Fruit.**—This industry is steadily growing. In 1906 the value of the export was 127,000*l.* The countries of destination have hitherto been almost entirely confined to the South African Colonies, but this year efforts, which appear to have been successful, have been made to open up a market in the United Kingdom. It is reported that the citrous fruits have been successfully established in the home markets. The more characteristic Coast fruits, the banana and pineapple, have, however, not been so successful, partly on account of freightage difficulties, and partly because other countries supply similar articles more to the taste of the English consumer. Undoubtedly there is a fine future for the Natal fruit industry.

**Aloe Fibre.**—A new industry which has passed the experimental stage is that of aloe fibre. Little can be said of the possibilities of this new departure, but the present limited experience seems to indicate that it should rival the bark industry in importance.

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**NORWAY.**

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond Hay) reports that the hay crops in South Norway are supposed to have considerably exceeded the average, and in the west of the country a good

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average will no doubt be obtained. The crops in the north are considered to be equal to an average year. It must, however, be borne in mind that, owing to the unusually heavy rainfalls during nearly the whole of the summer, the quality is not as good as usual. The corn crops, owing to the incessant rains, have suffered greatly, and the output is now stated to be far below the average. The import of grain alone is likely to increase by something like 25,000,000 kroner (about 1,388,800*l.*) in value.

Potatoes all over the country are below the average, both in quantity and quality. The crop of turnips is an average one, but fruit in most districts is far below the average and in some cases has turned out a complete failure.

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

H.M. Consul at Rosario (Mr. H. M. Mallet) has forwarded a sample of cotton which is now being shipped from that port for home markets. The cotton, which is grown in Bella Vista, in the Province of Corrientes, is said to be of excellent quality, and has been very favourably reported upon in England.

The sample may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

The following persons nominated by local authorities for the post of Inspector of Weights and Measures have passed the examination provided for under the 8th section of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904:—E. Memmott, Sheffield; D. W. Milne, Aberdeen; A. G. Quinlan, Kent; J. Simpson, Sunderland; J. Tudor, Birkenhead; and E. J. Whitehead, Wakefield.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 21st November, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 183,188 (including 107 bales British West Indian and 415 bales British West African) and the number imported during the forty-seven weeks ended the 21st November was 4,040,672 (including 5,961 bales British West Indian and 10,332 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 21st November, 4,478 bales, and for the forty-seven weeks, 447,363 bales.

For further details see p. 427.

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**NETHERLANDS.**

With reference to the notice on pp. 574-5 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 19th September, relative to a scheme for draining a large portion of the Zuyder Zee, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, from H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at the Hague, a copy and translation of a Bill relating to the project, which has been presented to the Second Chamber of the States General, together with a copy and *précis* of a memorandum in explanation of the proposed measure, which was at the same time furnished to the Chamber. The Bill provides for the construction of a dyke from the North Holland coast through the Amsteldiep to the Wieringen Island, and for the enclosure and draining of that part of the Zuyder Zee known as the Wieringen Lake. The total cost of the undertaking is estimated at twenty-three million florins, and the time to be occupied in carrying out the work at nine years.

The text of the Bill (with translation) and the explanatory memorandum (with *précis*) may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**FRANCE.**

With reference to the notice on p. 132 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 18th January, 1906, respecting the prevention of fraudulent sales and adulteration of foodstuffs and of agricultural produce in France, the French "Journal Officiel" of 14th November contains a copy of a Presidential Decree appointing officials to inspect laboratories and establishments where pharmaceutical and alimentary products are sold.

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**BULGARIA.**

The British Vice-Consul at Sofia (Mr. G. O'B. Toulmin) reports that no efforts are being spared by the Bulgarian Government to promote the industrial, commercial, and agricultural welfare of the Principality, and, besides the Law for the Encouragement of Native Industries, and the Law regulating the hours of labour for women and children in factories and workshops, which were passed in 1905, various other measures dealing with the appointment of a larger number of factory and agricultural inspectors, the insurance of workmen and the penalties to be inflicted on those attempting to create strikes, were voted by the Sobranie in 1906; while, at the beginning of the same year, that

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assembly authorised the expenditure of 800,000*l.* for the construction of new roads throughout the country and for the repair of those already in existence. Practical courses in tailoring, boot and shoe making, weaving, masonry, dyeing, pottery, &c., have been instituted under the supervision of the Chambers of Commerce. Agricultural schools, too, with model farms attached, have been established, where instruction is given in viticulture, apiculture, fruit and silk growing, and poultry rearing, and the State Agricultural Bank sells to the peasantry oxen, seeds, agricultural machinery and implements at cost price, and accords them long terms of credit for repayment.

Great pains are being taken by the municipal authorities to improve and embellish their respective towns. The principal streets in the capital have been paved, public baths are being constructed at a cost of 60,000*l.*, and the State theatre has been inaugurated. The municipality of Philippopolis has granted a concession to a Belgian syndicate for the exploitation of tramways and electric light. The power station will be at Stanimaka, 12 miles distant, which will also be connected with Philippopolis by tram. The necessary supply of water will be brought down from a ravine, at the foot of which the former town is situated, by a conduit 2½ miles in length, and blasting operations are now being actively pushed forward. The fall of water will be 200 feet, giving 6,000 horse-power to the engines. It is expected that trams will be running by the end of 1908. The town of Varna has recently concluded a loan of 320,000*l.* for waterworks, drainage and street paving, and electric light and tramways are to follow.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The Commercial Secretary to H.M. Embassy at Washington reports that the manufacture of so-called chestnut extract is said to be assuming considerable proportions in the Southern States of America, and to be superseding to a large extent the use of bark for tanning. Since May last, a leading purchasing association in which many leather concerns are interested, with headquarters at Grand Rapids, Michigan, is said to have placed orders for 2,200,000 dols. worth of extract. One of the advantages of the extract lies in the more economical and expeditious handling of it. In an hour and a half a tank car of the extract can be automatically emptied into the storage vats; this amount of extract is equivalent to twelve car loads of bark, which it would take two men four days to handle. The extract, moreover, is ready for immediate use, whereas the grinding and bleaching of the bark would take a week.

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*Miscellaneous.*

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

The Commercial Secretary also reports that the black and tupelo gums, which grow in great quantities in the Dismal Swamp and the low coastal regions of the Southern States, have hitherto been neglected as useless. It is now stated that their toughness renders them very suitable for wood-paving, and a New York wood-paving company, which is now dealing almost exclusively in them, has set up a three-cylinder treatment plant at Norfolk, Virginia, for creosoting the blocks.

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**MEXICO.**

H. M. Legation in Mexico has forwarded particulars of a concession granted by the Mexican Government to Messrs. J. F. Brittingham, P. de la Peña, and L. Gurza for the establishment, either at Torreon, in the State of Coahuila, or at Gomez Palacio, in the State of Durango, of a bank belonging to the class known as "Bancos Refaccionarios." These banks, of which there are three or four in the Republic, were instituted under the Banking Law of 1897 for the purpose of loaning capital for the development of agricultural, mining and industrial enterprises, in cases where a temporary increase of funds might be required for a comparatively short period, without the formalities of executing a mortgage on the property.

The capital of the bank has been fixed at 6,000,000 dols. (about 612,000*l.*). A branch is to be opened either at Torreon or at Gomez Palacio, according to which of these towns may eventually be selected as the site of the Head Office, and a second branch at San Pedro, in the State of Coahuila. The Concession has been granted for a period of fifty years from 1897.

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**JAPAN.**

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Yokohama (Mr. E. F. Crowe) has forwarded some specimens of frog-skins, of which it appears that more than forty-nine thousand (valued at 6,199 yen\*) were exported from Yokohama during 1906. They are said to be shipped chiefly for the purpose of being polished, dyed and made into purses, pocket-books, &c.

The specimens received from Mr. Crowe (with particulars of price, &c.) may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

\* Yen=2*s.* 0*d.*

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## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Cotton Returns.

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 47 Weeks ended 21st November, 1907 :—

|                      | Week ended<br>21st Nov.,<br>1907. |         | 47 Weeks<br>ended<br>21st Nov.,<br>1907. |           | Week ended<br>21st Nov.,<br>1907. |       | 47 Weeks<br>ended<br>21st Nov.,<br>1907. |         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|---------|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |         |  |           | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |       |  |         |
|                      | No.                               |         | No.                                      |           | No.                               |       | No.                                      |         |
| American ... ..      | ...                               | 150,818 | ...                                      | 3,040,365 | ...                               | 2,121 | ...                                      | 223,219 |
| Brasilian ... ..     | ...                               | 1,164   | ...                                      | 192,356   | ...                               | 850   | ...                                      | 18,126  |
| East Indian ... ..   | ...                               | 220     | ...                                      | 199,985   | ...                               | 517   | ...                                      | 77,236  |
| Egyptian ... ..      | ...                               | 25,080  | ...                                      | 461,095   | ...                               | 940   | ...                                      | 111,894 |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | ...                               | *5,906  | ...                                      | †146,871  | ...                               | 50    | ...                                      | 11,888  |
| Total ... ..         | ...                               | 183,188 | ...                                      | 4,040,672 | ...                               | 4,478 | ...                                      | 447,363 |

\* Including 107 bales British West Indian and 415 bales British West African.

† " 5,961 " " " " 10,332 " " "

### Corn Prices.

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 23rd November, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

|                                       | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                       | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|                                       | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Week ended 23rd November, 1907 ... .. | 34             | 7  | 27      | 5  | 18    | 9  |
| Corresponding week in—                |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                           | 27             | 0  | 25      | 9  | 17    | 2  |
| 1901 ... ..                           | 27             | 1  | 26      | 9  | 18    | 9  |
| 1902 ... ..                           | 25             | 0  | 24      | 11 | 17    | 0  |
| 1903 ... ..                           | 26             | 6  | 23      | 11 | 15    | 11 |
| 1904 ... ..                           | 30             | 5  | 24      | 4  | 16    | 1  |
| 1905 ... ..                           | 28             | 5  | 24      | 6  | 17    | 9  |
| 1906 ... ..                           | 26             | 3  | 24      | 1  | 17    | 3  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.



## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of October, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 3d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes and a Supplement, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first volume, 3s. 4d. for the second volume, and 3s. 9d. for the Supplement, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country, and in the Supplement, Abstract and detailed tables showing countries of consignment of imports, and countries of ultimate destination of exports.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the November issue:—State of the Labour Market in October; Railway Dispute, Terms of Settlement; Mines and Quarries in 1906; Rules of Conciliation Boards; Proceedings of Distress Committees in 1906-7; and Conciliation Cases.

### COLONIAL OFFICE REPORT.

A report from the following British Colony has been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal," viz.:—

No. 548. Fiji.

### OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

*Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, 1906. Supplement to Vols. I. and II. [Cd. 3,687.] Price 3s. 9d.*

This volume contains abstract and detailed tables showing countries of consignment of imports and countries of ultimate destination of exports, compiled in the Statistical Office of the Custom House, with a prefatory memorandum drawn up in the

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\* It can be purchased through any newsagent, price 1d.

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Commercial Department of the Board of Trade. In Vols. I. and II. of the "Annual Statement of Trade," imports are generally classified as received from the countries whence they were shipped direct to the United Kingdom, and exports to countries possessing no seaboard are credited to the country in which the port of discharge is situated. The present volume also contains statements of the consignments from each country retained for consumption in the United Kingdom, or the "special" imports from each country into the United Kingdom.

The following table shows the value of the merchandise consigned to the United Kingdom in 1906 from foreign countries and British Possessions, and the value of such consignments retained in the United Kingdom, as compared with the preceding year:—

|   | Value of merchandise consigned to the United Kingdom. |               |   |               |
|---|---|---------------|---|---------------|
|   | Total Value.  |               | Value of the consignments retained in the United Kingdom. |               |
|   | 1905.   | 1906.         | 1905.   | 1906.         |
| From Foreign Countries ...                  | £ 438,368,020   | £ 467,974,167 | £ 395,677,415   | £ 422,961,139 |
| „ British Possessions and Protectorates ... | 126,651,897   | 139,914,333   | 91,616,074  | 99,881,713    |
| Total ...                                   | 565,019,917   | 607,888,500   | 487,240,004*  | 522,786,020†  |

\* After deducting 53,485*l.*, the value of certain merchandise re-exported which was of unknown origin.

† After deducting 56,834*l.*, the value of certain merchandise re-exported which was of unknown origin.

*Statistical Abstract for the Principal and other Foreign Countries in each year from 1895 to 1904-5.* [Cd. 3,291.] Price 1s 6d.

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The upward tendency in wages that began in the second half of 1905 continued throughout 1906, showing, for the first time since 1900, a total net increase in wages as compared with the preceding year. The considerable net increase in 1906 was due to a large extent to advances in wages in the coal mining industry. At the same time, important advances also took place in the textile group and in the metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades. The changes in rates of wages during 1906 resulted in net advances in all the principal groups of trades, with the exception of building and quarrying.

*Passengers to and from places out of Europe, October. [Cd. 3,335-IX.] Price ½d.*

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During the ten months ended 31st October, 1907, the total number (provisional) of passengers that *left* the United Kingdom for places out of Europe was 572,274, as compared with 497,521 during the corresponding period of 1906, and the total number (provisional) that *arrived* in the United Kingdom from places out of Europe during the first ten months of 1907 was 225,702, as compared with 193,354 during the corresponding period of 1906. The balance of the total movement shows that the number of passengers that *left* the United Kingdom for places out of Europe exceeded the number of passengers that *arrived* in the United Kingdom from places out of Europe by 346,572 during the first ten months of 1907, as compared with a similar excess of 304,167 during the corresponding period of 1906.

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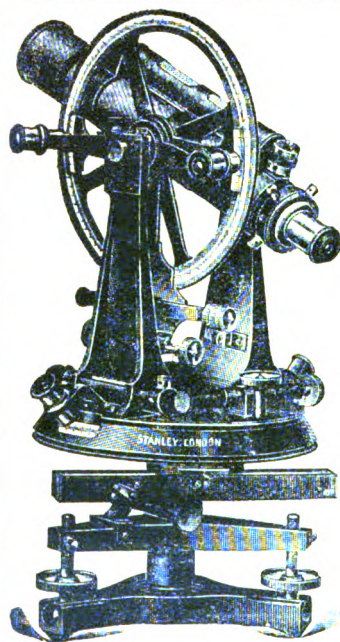
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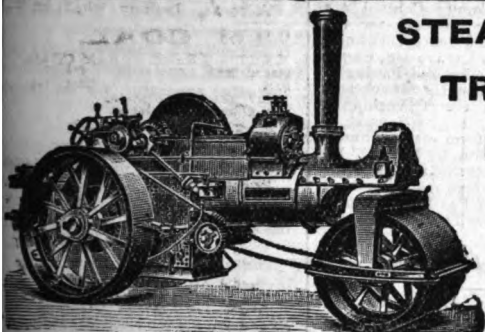
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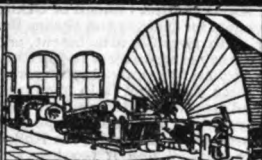
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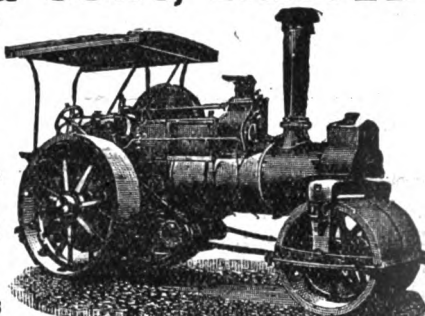
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## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of Deck Spans. The conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director General of Stores,

**Deck Spans.**

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India Office, Whitehall, S.W., and tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 p.m. on the 10th December, after which time no tender will be received.

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**CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained :—

**Commercial  
Enquiries.**

**HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London firm are desirous of hearing from Canadian houses requiring a **buyer and shipping agent** to look after export and import business in the United Kingdom, and are prepared to act for any parties specially interested in the **automobile industry**.

A Midlands firm manufacturing **plumbers' brass and iron work and supplies** of all kinds desire to get into touch with interested persons in Canada.

A London firm desire to obtain the names of the leading importers of machinery in Canada, who might be interested in their specialties in steam and hand power **laundry and dairy machinery**.

A North of England firm manufacturing **wood-working machinery** suitable for joiners, cabinetmakers, wheelwrights, shipbuilders, railway carriage and waggon builders, saw and moulding mills, school furniture makers, &c., desire to hear from Canadian importers.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

Enquiry has been received from Ontario for the names of United Kingdom importers of **Canadian charcoal**.

A manufacturers' agent, stated to possess good connexions in all the principal cities of Canada, and offering good references, desires to obtain further agencies for **cloths, laces and linens**; also **cotton goods, general dry goods, &c.**

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained :—

**HOME ENQUIRY.**

A firm of manufacturers' agents and commission merchants in Montreal are prepared to represent a manufacturer of **boot and shoe laces**, and also of goods handled by **boot and shoe manufacturers**.

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**CANADA—continued.****CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A Winnipeg firm seek a few additional agencies in goods handled by the **grocery and drug** trades.

A Canadian firm shipping **crude sulphur** ask to be placed in correspondence with United Kingdom buyers, or would appoint an agent in the United Kingdom.

A producer of graphite in Ontario wishes to correspond with United Kingdom manufacturers using **graphite ore**.

A firm of manufacturers' agents in Montreal are prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of **blouses, clothing, and goods** purchased by the **wholesale dry goods trade**.

A firm of commission brokers in Winnipeg are prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of **grocery specialties** and goods handled by wholesale grocers; also **tobacconists' and bottlers' supplies**.

A firm in Ottawa wish to be placed in communication with purchasers of **mica, molybdenite and pulp wood**.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**CAPE COLONY.**

With reference to the notice on p. 348 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 21st November, relative to a project for the construction of a railway to the top of Table Mountain and the provision of an hotel in connexion therewith, the Cape Town

Correspondent of the Board of Trade (Mr. E. J. Cattell) has now forwarded a copy of the following advertisement recommended by the Special Committee of the Cape Town Council for insertion in South African, English, Continental and American papers:—

The Council (of the Cape Town Corporation) invite proposals, up to noon on the 31st March, 1908, for both or either of the following projects:—

(a) The construction and working of a railway up Table Mountain.

(b) The erection and conduct of a suitable hotel at the termination of the said railway.

The Council are prepared to consider a proposed concession for a term of, approximately, 25 years. Particulars and conditions, so far as they are available, may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, and such plans of the Mountain as are in the possession of the Council may be inspected at the office of the City Engineer,

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City Hall. Tenderers must state their proposals in writing and submit the same under seal and endorsed "Table Mountain Railway and Hotel" at the office of the Town Clerk. The Council do not bind themselves to accept any proposal.

#### **RUSSIA.**

H.M. Consul at Batoum (Mr. P. Stevens) has forwarded samples of haricot beans that he has received from a local export merchant who wishes to get into communication with firms in the United Kingdom willing to import this commodity. **Haricot Beans for Export: Samples on view.** Samples of the kind of beans in question, with particulars of prices f.o.b. London, &c., may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Communications from British firms interested should be addressed to H.M. Consul, Batoum.

#### **GERMANY.**

H.M. Consul-General at Berlin (Dr. P. Schwabach) has forwarded copies of the form of tender and ordinary and special conditions of contract relating to the supply to the Prussian State Railway Directorates of 7,765,000 kilos. of petroleum for lighting purposes, divided into the following lots for delivery to the various District Directorates:—

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1,400,000 | kilos. for Berlin.      |
| 1,500,000 | „ Halle-on-Saale.       |
| 765,000   | „ Bromberg.             |
| 950,000   | „ Dantzig.              |
| 800,000   | „ Königsberg (Prussia). |
| 1,350,000 | „ Magdeburg.            |
| 1,000,000 | „ Stettin.              |

Sealed tenders, inscribed "Angebot auf Petroleum," must be delivered to the "Rechnungsbureau, 1-4, Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W., 35, not later than 11 a.m. on the 13th December, and samples of the kind designated in the conditions of contract are to be forwarded to the "Rechnungsbureau (Materialabtheilung), No. 5 Flottwell Strasse, Berlin, W.," not later than 10th December.

Forms of tender and contract may be obtained at the "Zentralbureau, Zimmer 420," 1-4, Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W., 35, on payment of 6½d. each (by Post Office Order or Postal Order, but not in stamps). Copies may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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#### NETHERLANDS.

H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. A. Churchill) reports that tenders will be received up to noon on the 12th December at No. 212 Nieuwe Zijds Voorburgwal, Amsterdam, for the supply to the

**Paper.**

Colonial Office of paper in lots as follows:—

- (1) 4,090 reams of various kinds.
- (2) 5,650 „ double writing paper.
- (3) 100 „ writing paper, normal 2a.
- (4) 255 „ cartridge paper.
- (5) 2,700,000 metres of various kinds of roll paper.

Specifications may be obtained from the “Koloniaal Etablissement,” Amsterdam, or from Cleef Brothers, The Hague, at 4*d.* for each lot.

The Belgian Legation at The Hague reports that the Dutch Government has submitted to the States **Railway Plant.** General a Bill for granting a subsidy of 60,000 florins (about 5,000*l.*) for the construction of a railway, about 20 kilometres in length, from Weert to the Belgian frontier in the direction of Maeseyck. The estimated cost of this railway is 180,000 florins (about 15,000*l.*).

The Dutch Government has also submitted a project for granting a subsidy to the concessionaire of the tramways **Tramway Plant.** of Gorredijk, Assen, Steenwijk, Oosterwolde, and Meppel Smilde. These tramways will have a length of 110 kilometres.

The “Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant” announces that the Dutch Government propose to grant a subsidy of **Railway Plant.** 140,000 florins (about 11,666*l.*) for the construction and working of a railway from Erm to Ter Apel *via* Emmen. This line will have a length of 24½ kilometres, and is estimated to cost 420,000 florins (about 35,000*l.*).

#### BELGIUM.

The “Bulletin Commercial” of 23rd November announces that tenders are invited for the supply, in 37 lots, of various materials in connexion with the **Railway Materials.** Belgian State Railways; also for the supply, in 32 lots, of points and crossings, &c.

Tenders must be sent in to the offices of the State Railways at Brussels before the 4th January, 1908. Specifications and further particulars may be obtained from M. de Rudder, Administrateur des voies et travaux, 11 Rue de Louvain, Brussels.

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#### **BELGIUM—continued.**

The "Bulletin," containing further details, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The "Moniteur Belge" of 26th November announces that tenders are invited for the supply and installation of **Electrical Plant.** machinery necessary for the transformation of the electric current from alternating to continuous, in a sub-station on the local railway from Brussels to Grimberghen. Tenders must be sent in before the 10th December to the Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Vicinaux, Rue de la Science 14, Brussels. Specifications may be obtained from the above Société at the cost of 1 franc.

The "Moniteur Belge" of 30th November announces that tenders will shortly be invited for works in connexion with the construction of the south section of the **Harbour Works.** "bassin-canal" at Antwerp.

The "Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels" of 27th November announces that tenders are invited for the construction of **Viaduct Construction.** a viaduct across the Chaussée Romaine over the Avenue Houba-de Strooper. Tenders must be sent in to the "Maison communale" at Laeken lez-Bruxelles, before the 15th December.

The same "Moniteur" also announces that tenders are invited for the supply of cast iron, steel, and copper, **Railway Plant.** in 42 lots, for works connected with the Belgian State Railways.

The date of the adjudication has not yet been fixed.

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#### **FRANCE.**

The Acting British Consul at Rouen reports that tenders will be opened on the 18th December, at the **Briquettes, Oil, Grease, Tallow and Petroleum.** Préfecture of Rouen (Department of the Seine Inférieure), for the supply of the following goods required for the use of the Port of Dieppe

Services :—

1. 2,200 tons of briquettes (*charbon aggloméré*), the maximum cost of which is placed at 72,600 francs (2,900*l.*).

2. 20,600 kilos. of oil, grease, tallow and petroleum, the maximum cost of which is placed at 10,547 francs (about 422*l.*).

For further particulars, application should be made to the Préfecture at Rouen.

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#### **FRANCE—continued.**

The Acting British Vice-Consul at St. Nazaire (Mr. A. Trillot) reports that tenders are invited by the Prefecture of the Loire-Inférieure for the execution of port works at St. Nazaire, comprising the widening of the lock between the old and new docks, the extension of the "Quai Eugene Periere" over a length of 130 metres, and the enlargement of No. 1 dry dock at Penhouet. Tenders will be opened at the Prefecture at 2 p.m. on 14th December.

The Vice-Consul remarks that firms desiring to tender should send representatives either to St. Nazaire or to Nantes to ascertain the conditions and terms of contract, as a copy of the "Cahier des Charges" is not obtainable. The contract will be awarded to the firm offering the greatest percentage on the estimated cost (80,000*l.*).

#### **SPAIN.**

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 23rd November contains a copy of a Decree authorising D. Carlos Levisson to appropriate 55 litres per second of the water of the rivers of Arane and Iturrigorri, in the jurisdiction of Bilbao.

The same "Gaceta" contains a copy of a Decree authorising the Orconera Iron Ore Company, Limited, to construct an aerial transporter from the mine Carmen VII. to Monte Múzquiz, and from Pucheta to Gallarta, in the province of Vizcaya.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 26th November contains an application by the Compania de Tranvia Urbano of Bilbao for a concession for the construction of an electric tramway from the "Plaza Circular" to the North railway station.

One month from the above date is allowed for the presentation at the Directorate-General of Public Works (Dirección general de Obras públicas), Madrid, of other applications for this concession, on terms more favourable to the Government.

The same "Gaceta" contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited for the construction of a tramway for animal traction from Laredo *viá* Colindres to Treto (Santander). Local representation is necessary. Tenders must be sent in before the 30th January, 1908, to the same address. The "Gaceta" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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### SPAIN—continued.

The "Gaceta" of 28th November states that the "Dirección general de Obras públicas" has granted a concession to D. Adolfo Espinosa y Espinosa for the construction of a narrow gauge mine railway, with steam traction, from "La Cerámica Madrileña" factory to the territories of the Santa Catalina mine called "Los Barros de Escudilla."

**Railway  
Construction.**

The same "Gaceta" further announces that the above-named "Dirección" has granted a concession to "La Compañía general de Tranvías y Ferrocarriles vecinales" of Alicante to instal electric traction on the tramways in Alicante, of which they are concessionaires.

**Electric  
Tramway Plant.**

### ITALY—SICILY.

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) reports that the Italian Minister of Posts and Telegraphs is offering a prize of 30,000 lire for postal motor cars of the omnibus type capable of carrying a load of 1,800 kilos. The motors are to be Italian-built and not more than three may be presented by any one maker. Requests to take part in this competition must reach the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs not later than the 10th December. The cars themselves are to be presented in June, 1908: they will be required to do at least 2,000 kilometres on any sort of carriageable road.

**Prize for Postal  
Motor Cars.**

### TURKEY.

H.M. Consul-General at Constantinople (Mr. H. C. A. Eyres) has received an application from a firm in that city who are willing to represent British manufacturers, chiefly in the following lines:—Worsted yarns, sewings, sail-cloths, tarpaulins, groceries, safes, bedsteads, cast-iron pipes, gas pipes, paint brushes, paints, army cloth, &c. Communications from British firms relative to the above should be sent to H.M. Consul-General, Constantinople.

**Commercial  
Enquiry.**

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) reports that there is a considerable demand in the so-called rice belt in the Southern States for talc powder, which is used in the process of polishing rice. "Rice Industry" (Houston) calls attention to the fact that recently there has been a great scarcity of talc powder in the district, and states that it is proposed to

**Fuller's Earth.**

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employ Fuller's earth as a substitute. A certain amount of Fuller's earth, says Mr. Bell, is found in Texas, but there ought to be an opening for the imported article provided it can be delivered in Galveston or New Orleans at a sufficiently low price.

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**MEXICO.**

The "Diario Oficial" of 16th November notifies applications made to the Mexican Government by Sr. Juan Alonso to establish new industries, viz.:—(1) The manufacture of leather; (2) the production of tanning and dyeing materials from different plants.

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

H.M. Minister at Buenos Ayres has forwarded a copy of a Law, published in the "Boletin Oficial" of 16th October, authorising the Municipality of that city to contract a loan of 15,000,000 dollars gold (3,000,000*l.*), part of which is to be applied *inter alia* as follows:—Reconstruction and municipalisation of the markets; canalisation of the streams Medrano and Maldonado; acquisition of lands for and the installation of crematory ovens or other system of destroying rubbish; reforming the Liniers abattoirs, &c.

It is understood that the loan is not likely to be issued at present, the state of the money market being considered unfavourable.

H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross, C.B.) reports that the Welsh Colonists at Chubut have revived the scheme mooted a couple of years ago of constructing a steam tramway from Gaiman to Sanja, a distance of 70 kilometres (45 miles). The construction of such a line will, he says, provide transport for produce raised in the Chubut valley which, at present, has to be taken to the railhead in carts. Further, a considerable saving will be effected in the cost of transporting goods imported which are at present landed at Port Madryn and carried by rail *via* Trelew to the railhead. When the new line is made, goods will be landed at Rawson and the rail journey from Madryn saved. The ocean freight to Madryn is the same as that to Rawson.

A considerable amount of capital has already been promised by private individuals and by the Co-operative Mercantile Association, and the Association has been entrusted with the preparation of plans, the purchase of material, &c.

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**Railway and**  
**Telegraph Material.** See notice on p. 480.

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## CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.

The third meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Coal Mining Industry** was held on the 28th November, at the offices of the Board of Trade. Those present were:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (presiding); Mr. T. Ratcliffe Ellis; Mr. R. Baird; Mr. R. Guthrie; Mr. Gascoyne Dalziel; Mr. A. H. Heath; Mr. G. J. Binns; Mr. W. S. Barrett; Mr. W. N. Atkinson, Superintending Inspector of Mines; Prof. S. J. Chapman; Mr. M. Delevingne of the Home Office; Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G.; Mr. H. W. Macrosty, and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (acting Secretary).

## COAL PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

The following particulars relating to the production and consumption of coal in the principal countries in the world are extracted from a Return [Coal Tables, 1906—Statistical Tables relating to the production, consumption, &c., of coal, &c., &c.—349/1907] recently issued by the Board of Trade:—

**Production.**—The production of coal in the five principal coal-producing countries of the world in 1904, 1905, and 1906 was as follows:—

| Countries.                      | 1904.       | 1905.       | 1906.        |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                 | Tons.*      | Tons.*      | Tons.*       |
| United Kingdom ... ..           | 232,428,000 | 236,129,000 | 251,068,000  |
| Germany ... ..                  | 118,874,000 | 119,860,000 | 134,914,000† |
| France ... ..                   | 32,964,000  | 34,652,000  | 33,762,000†  |
| Belgium ... ..                  | 22,395,000  | 21,506,000  | 23,232,000†  |
| United States of America ... .. | 314,122,000 | 350,821,000 | 369,672,000† |

\* Tons of 2,240 lb.

† Provisional figures.

The production of coal in 1906 in the United Kingdom, Germany and the United States, was greater than in any previous year.

In France, owing doubtless to the labour dispute in the northern coalfields in the early part of the year, the output for 1906 shows a decline of nearly one million tons. It should be noted, however, that whilst the French output for the first half of 1906 was only a little over 15 million tons, the output of the second half of the year amounted to 18½ million tons. In Belgium the decline in the production, which had been in progress from 1902 to 1905, appears to have been checked, and the output in 1906, viz., 23½ million tons, has only been exceeded by that of 1902 and 1903. Of the remaining countries included in the tables, Russia alone has a production exceeding 20 million tons.

It will be seen that the production of the United States now exceeds that of the United Kingdom by nearly 50 per cent., but

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the production of Germany represents only about a half, and that of France and Belgium together rather more than a quarter of the production of this country.

The total known coal production of the world (exclusive of brown coal or lignite) in 1906 was about 905 million tons, of which the United Kingdom produced less than a third.

As compared with its population, the production of coal in the United Kingdom still surpasses that in the United States. It amounts to  $5\frac{1}{4}$  tons per head; whilst in the United States it is rather more than  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons per head. In Belgium it amounts to  $3\frac{1}{4}$  tons per head, in Germany to about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  tons, and in France to under 1 ton.

The following statement shows the production of coal in the principal British Colonies and Possessions in the years 1904, 1905, and 1906. The amounts are in every case stated in tons of 2,240 lb.:—

**Production of Coal in Principal British Colonies and Possessions.**

| Country.                       | 1904.     | 1905.     | 1906.      |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                                | Tons.     | Tons.     | Tons.      |
| British India ... ..           | 8,216,000 | 8,418,000 | 9,783,000* |
| Australian Commonwealth ... .. | 6,854,000 | 7,494,000 | 8,596,000* |
| New Zealand ... ..             | 1,538,000 | 1,586,000 | 1,730,000* |
| Canada ... ..                  | 7,370,000 | 7,739,000 | 8,717,000* |
| Transvaal ... ..               | 2,151,000 | 2,327,000 | 2,583,000  |
| Cape of Good Hope ... ..       | 154,000   | 147,000   | 128,000*   |
| Natal ... ..                   | 858,000   | 1,129,000 | 1,239,000* |

\* Provisional figures.

No single British Colony or Possession yet produces as much as 10,000,000 tons per annum, although the Indian output now approaches that figure.

In Australia the output per head of population during 1906 amounted to just over two tons, in New Zealand and the Transvaal to rather less than two tons, in Canada to nearly one and a-half tons, and in Natal to about one ton.

The statistics of lignite production show that the principal countries of production are Germany, Austria, and Hungary, which in 1905 produced 55,668,000 tons, 22,327,000 tons, and 5,991,000 tons respectively, whilst the provisional figures available for the production of Germany in 1906 indicate a production of 55,508,000 tons. In Austria the output of lignite for 1906 was 23,779,000 tons, an increase compared with 1905 of nearly 1,500,000 tons. The quantity of lignite produced in the United States is included in the figures for the production of coal already given. The latest

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available figures giving the production of lignite separately relate to 1905, when it amounted to 6,149,000 tons, as against a production in 1904 of 5,684,000 tons. In no other country does the quantity produced reach 1,000,000 tons. In the United Kingdom it has for some years been *nil*.

**Consumption.**—The consumption of coal in some of the chief consuming countries is shown in the following statement, in which the countries are given in the order of importance as coal consumers :—

| —                      | 1904.       | 1905.       | 1906.       |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                        | Tons.       | Tons.       | Tons.       |
| United States ... ..   | 307,610,000 | 343,281,000 | 361,492,000 |
| United Kingdom ... ..  | 166,609,000 | 169,017,000 | 174,322,000 |
| Germany ... ..         | 104,094,000 | 106,716,000 | 119,282,000 |
| France ... ..          | 45,433,000  | 45,915,000  | 50,298,000  |
| Russia ... ..          | 22,761,000  | 22,680,000  | 25,786,000* |
| Belgium ... ..         | 19,726,000  | 19,661,000  | 22,509,000  |
| Austria-Hungary ... .. | 18,421,000  | 19,314,000  | 21,181,000  |

\* Provisional figures.

It will be seen from these figures that the total consumption of coal in the United States is now twice as great as that in any other country; exceeding, in fact, the combined consumption of the United Kingdom, Germany and France. The consumption of coal per head of population in the United States now exceeds that in the United Kingdom as appears from the following statement, which applies to 1906 :—

| United<br>Kingdom. | United<br>States. | Belgium.       | Germany.       | France.        | Austria-<br>Hungary. | Russia.        |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Tons.<br>3·99      | Tons.<br>4·30*    | Tons.<br>3·17* | Tons.<br>1·94* | Tons.<br>1·28* | Tons.<br>0·44*       | Tons.<br>0·17* |

\* Provisional figures.

It appears from the above that Belgium is the only other foreign country in which the *per capita* consumption of coal exceeds 3 tons per annum. Both in France and Germany the consumption per head appears small, but in these countries a large quantity of fuel of other sorts, such as turf, wood, lignite, and denatured spirits is also in use.

## COTTON PRODUCTION IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The following table, showing the acreage of land under cotton, and the quantity produced, in the various British Colonies, Possessions and Protectorates in each of the years 1905 and 1906, has been prepared in the Board of Trade :—

| Colonies, Possessions and Protectorates.        | 1905.              |                         | 1906.              |                        |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|   | Area.              | Production.             | Area.              | Production.            |
|   | Acres.             | Lbs.                    | Acres.             | Lbs.                   |
| British India ( <i>a</i> ) ( <i>see note</i> )  | *21,072,000        | *1,370,400,000          | 22,344,000         | 1,953,200,000          |
| Ceylon  | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 154,890    | 296                | ( <i>c</i> ) 267,126   |
| Queensland                                      | 171                | 113,008                 | 138                | 77,381                 |
| Fiji  | 10                 | ( <i>b</i> )            | 18                 | —                      |
| Natal   | 157                | ( <i>b</i> )            | 212                | 19,865                 |
| Nyasaland (British Central Africa) Protectorate | 10,262             | ( <i>d</i> ) 2,377,760  | 7,107              | ( <i>d</i> ) 1,279,061 |
| Uganda Protectorate ( <i>a</i> )                | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 96,098     | ( <i>e</i> ) 400   | ( <i>c</i> ) 391,244   |
| British East Africa Protectorate ( <i>a</i> )   | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 99,456     | ( <i>c</i> ) 400   | ( <i>c</i> ) 80,000    |
| Protectorate of Northern Nigeria                | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 123,548    | ( <i>c</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 356,167   |
| Protectorate of Southern Nigeria                | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 96,306     | ( <i>c</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 2,695,923 |
| Colony of Southern Nigeria (Lagos)              | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) *1,275,569 | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 92,886    |
| Gold Coast                                      | 2,000              | ( <i>c</i> ) 29,124     | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 87,805    |
| Sierra Leone                                    | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 68,808     | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 129       |
| Gambia  | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 2,572      | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 13,105    |
| Bahamas   | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 6,676      | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 19,090    |
| Jamaica ( <i>a</i> )                            | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 88,133     | 183                | ( <i>c</i> ) 500       |
| St. Lucia                                       | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 1,610      | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 263,036   |
| St. Vincent ( <i>a</i> )                        | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) *138,150   | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 483,473   |
| Barbados  | ( <i>e</i> ) 2,000 | ( <i>c</i> ) 344,232    | ( <i>c</i> ) 5,000 | ( <i>a</i> ) 311,298   |
| Grenada   | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 212,722    | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 471,238   |
| Leeward Islands                                 | 4,640              | ( <i>c</i> ) 392,917    | 6,050              | ( <i>c</i> ) 11,077    |
| Trinidad and Tobago ( <i>a</i> )                | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 14,951     | ( <i>b</i> )       | ( <i>c</i> ) 303       |
| British Guiana ( <i>a</i> )                     | 17                 | ( <i>c</i> ) 1,121      | 10                 | ( <i>c</i> ) 166,534   |
| Malta ( <i>a</i> )                              | 668                | 162,448                 | 670                | 1,606,505              |
| Cyprus ( <i>a</i> )                             | ( <i>b</i> )       | 782,712                 | ( <i>b</i> )       |                        |

NOTE.—It is stated in the original returns that the figures given for India are approximate only, and that the estimates of production for 1905 were very defective, the figures given being generally too low. The crop for that year was also unfavourably affected by the weather and the ravages of insect pests. Measures have been taken to obtain more reliable results.

(*a*) For the 12 months ended 31st March of the years following those stated.

(*b*) Cannot be stated.

(*c*) Domestic exports, no figures for production being available.

(*d*) Unginned cotton.

(*e*) Approximate only.

\* Revised figures.

## AGRICULTURE IN THE TRANS-CAUCASUS.

H.M. Consul at Batoum (Mr. P. Stevens) reports that the excessively dry spring, followed by a rainless spell during the early summer while the cereal crops were in growth, resulted in the harvest season in the Trans-Caucasus being much delayed. Generally speaking, the production and yield is far below the average in quantity and quality throughout almost all the provinces included in that district.

The population of the eastern portions of the Trans-Caucasus embarked on a more extensive cultivation of rice than in previous years; but, so far as can be ascertained at present, the crop will only be an average one.

Only a limited quantity of cotton was sown during the year, farmers being afraid to cultivate it on an extensive scale through fear of locusts.

In spite of the dry season hay has yielded a medium crop in the Eastern Caucasus; it has, however, failed in the Midland and Western Provinces.

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An average quantity of **wheat** was sown in 1907, but, owing to the ravages of the locusts, the yield was a poor one.

**Maize** in the Western Caucasus is likely to give a crop which will be above the average both in quantity and quality, although the area under cultivation is not so great as in previous years.

A fair quantity of **barley** was sown during 1907, but, owing to the ravages caused by locusts, the crop is reported to be bad.

The **tea** crop is good and abundant, and the Imperial Domains Authorities at Chakva continue to increase its cultivation. The production this year is estimated to exceed 100,000 lb.

The area under vine cultivation is steadily on the increase, and the production of **wine** is augmenting by leaps and bounds. The vintage for this year is expected to be good and prolific, and, so far as the production of wine is concerned, 1907 will probably be a record year.

All varieties of **fruit** are good and abundant. **Vegetables** are also very plentiful, watermelons and muskmelons being exceptionally good.

Owing to the successful cultivation of the young mulberry shoots and leaves sown as food for the silkworm, the silk industry of 1907 has continued to make progress. The crop of cocoons in the Caucasus was not quite so great as in the previous year, but, on the other hand, a record crop was obtained in many parts of Northern Persia and the bulk of the crop from that region was sent to Batoum for shipment to the South of France.

On account of the defective cereal crop, the population of the Eastern Caucasus had plenty of spare time during the autumn and early winter months of 1906-7 to dig for **licorice root**, and it is estimated that nearly 14,000 tons was dug, and delivered at the licorice press factories.

As a result of the continued drought the **tobacco** crop of 1907 was not so abundant as that of 1906; the quality of the tobacco grown in Batoum is, however, said to be good.

H.M. Consul at Novorossisk (Mr. A. Geelmuyden) reports that the yield of **sunflower seed** is very abundant and the quality better than ever before. The whole of the output of this commodity is consumed by the oilmills in the interior.

The output of **oilcake**, which depends on the sunflower seed crop, is also great, and it is estimated that 800,000 tons will be shipped from Novorossisk.

The abundance of sunflower-seed stalks promises a big output of **carbonate of potash**, and a considerable increase in the export of that commodity is anticipated.

The **tobacco** crop in 1907 suffered both in quantity and quality, the output being estimated at only 8,000 tons.

### LYONS SILK MARKET.

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) has forwarded the following report on the present critical condition of the Lyons silk market and the causes that have contributed to it. He says that, although the market is in a state of utter stagnation, there have not so far been any important failures—only one or two of the minor houses having been submerged:—

Up to September last the trade in both silk and silk stuffs had been very active for a year past, with the result that prices had risen considerably, attaining the highest points in May and early in September respectively. Factories had large orders on hand, stocks of silk were low, and arrivals were for the most part absorbed immediately they came on the market. Silk in fact was scarce, and therefore dear.

After reaching their high-water mark in the first week in September, affairs became quieter as heavy shipments arrived from the Far East and made their influence felt in the Lyons market—dealers and consumers alike being chiefly engaged in coping with existing contracts, and displaying no particular inclination to embark on fresh ones. These heavy arrivals coincided with a tightness in the money-market, and these two causes in combination had the effect of sending prices very slowly down.

The growth of consumption during the first nine months of 1907 may be seen by a glance at the French conditioning house returns and export statistics for that period for each of the last three years:—

| January to September. |     |     |     |     | Conditioning House Returns. | Exports of Silk Manufactures. |            |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
|                       |     |     |     |     | Lb.                         | Lb.                           | £          |
| 1905                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11,532,400                  | 8,477,920                     | 8,554,800  |
| 1906                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11,095,920                  | 8,439,420                     | 8,979,360  |
| 1907                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12,474,000                  | 10,222,080                    | 10,816,960 |

In October the fall in silver sent down the exchange in Shanghai and Canton, thus lowering the cost of Asiatic silk, and sending prices—already on the down grade—still lower. This made an unfavourable impression on buyers, who, in spite of the reduction in prices, displayed no inclination whatever to purchase beyond their immediate requirements. On the top of this distinctly nervous state of the market came the violent financial crisis in the United States, which produced a most demoralising effect and caused a heavy fall in prices that has continued steadily up to the present time. As an example of this decline, Mr. Vicars mentions Japan silk (filature No. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), which dropped from 59-60 on 7th September to 58-59 on 7th October, and on 20th November stood at 48. He adds that this particular quality has suffered most of all, owing to its chief market being the United States, but the decline has been all-round, only differing in degree.

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*Lyons Silk Market.*

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Notwithstanding this heavy fall in the price of the raw material, the market has remained dull, and business has been slack. Such a state of things as that which has existed in America for the last few weeks was bound to react on European markets, and in addition to the general feeling of unrest, fears have been entertained at Lyons lest the crisis across the Atlantic should result in the cancelling of existing orders for stuffs, and that, moreover, the lessened purchases of silk in the United States should have the effect of throwing on to the European market more silk than it is capable of assimilating.

The crisis may thus be said, Mr. Vicars remarks, to have had its birth outside France, and to have sprung in the main from two outside causes acting simultaneously on the market—the fall in the exchange in the Far East when prices were ruling high, and the chaotic state of affairs in the United States, with the almost hysterical nervousness and timidity which it has engendered on both sides of the Atlantic. The very considerable increase in the production of silk which the year has seen has doubtless, he adds, also played its part in bringing about the present situation, but only in a minor degree. The only hope of improvement lies in the re-establishment of confidence in America. Once this has been brought about, the market has little to fear, for European consumption of silk-stuffs continues satisfactory.

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### ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISES IN SPAIN.

The Commercial Attaché to H.M. Embassy at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell) reports that according to the Government returns, there were in Spain in 1901 only 861 electric power stations, of which 651 were restricted to public lighting and 210 to private lighting. Since then the number of power stations for electric lighting has increased considerably, and it may be added also that the use of electricity in its multiple other applications has also increased and become more general (transmission and distribution of energy, electro-chemical industries, smelting furnaces, &c.), but there is still a vast field for further industrial developments, as the supply of power which the country affords is far yet from being exhausted. Indeed, while some regions of Spain appear to be almost over-developed, there are others which are completely abandoned. This is due to the fact that Spanish capitalists are distrustful as to all new business and therefore very unwilling to

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invest their capital in such undertakings. Then again they are not used to the formation of companies in partnership, which circumstance entails the consequence that large industrial enterprises are allowed to pass by. They find generally that it is more convenient and less troublesome to invest in Government securities which yield a fair interest without more trouble than cutting their "coupons." Foreign capitalists, however, have discovered that electricity could be applied in Spain to great advantage. Belgian, German and French financiers have taken this view, and they are found to be interested in nearly all the larger electrical concerns in Spain, whilst British capital is very scarce for such undertakings. Spain is a country whose production is far below its consumption, and as cheap motive power can be obtained, numerous industries could be established which would prove to be good investments.

Most Spanish towns of any importance, Mr. Cockerell says, have a fair service of public and private electric lighting, but business in this direction is not by a long way yet exhausted, as many of the existing installations are deficient and could easily be reformed, or competition could easily be effected under favourable conditions, thanks to the improvements which the construction of electrical machinery and material have undergone during late years. And, furthermore, there are a considerable number of towns, some of them of importance, which are not yet supplied with electric lighting.

Leaving on one side the question of competition, there is, as stated above, still much to be done by way of electric lighting for smaller towns and villages, and, in Mr. Cockerell's opinion, an investment in such undertakings would yield fair profits without going to great expense. There are in Spain in its various provinces over 400 towns and villages of over 4,000 inhabitants where there are no electric power stations. British capitalists should, says Mr. Cockerell, study carefully the advisability of installing electric light plants in the larger towns and even in the smaller ones, and quick action in the matter would, in his opinion, fully compensate such an undertaking.

As regards the towns and villages which are not yet lit by electricity, Mr. Cockerell states that the north-west region of Spain (Galicia) is almost devoid of electricity. Galicia is formed of the provinces of Corunna, Lugo, Orense and Pontevedra. They are very rich in minerals, mineral waters and cattle; the country is very fertile, and has the advantage of being near the seaboard, with many good ports which have a regular traffic with the United Kingdom and South America (Vigo, Villagarcia, Corunna, &c.). Yet these natural advantages and resources have been ignored up to the present, owing to the absence of railway communications, which has resulted in the alarming emigration from

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that region, greatly outnumbering that from any other region of Spain. "This," adds Mr. Cockerell, "is especially regrettable, occurring as it does in a region of wealth perhaps second to none in the Kingdom, whose inhabitants are notoriously industrious and of more solid intelligence than the southern Spaniard. A careful investigation into the conditions of the country would reveal many promising fields to the advantage of investors and industrials, and the country."

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### FOREIGN BANKS IN BULGARIA IN 1906.

#### **Suggested British Bank and Commercial Show-room.**

The British Vice-Consul at Sofia (Mr. G. O'B. Toulmin) reports that marked success attended the financial operations of the three foreign banks in Bulgaria, which were founded in 1905 under the auspices of France, Germany and Austria-Hungary. Apart from ordinary banking business, these establishments have been busily engaged in ascertaining the native requirements and in imparting the knowledge acquired to the Chambers of Commerce, manufacturers and merchants of their respective countries. They have, moreover, displayed great activity in financing syndicates for the development of the country's resources, the exploitation of mines and the creation of new industries. The Banque Générale de Bulgarie, the most important of these three banks, and an offshoot of the well-known Paris bank, the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, has not only obtained several important public contracts, but has also successfully negotiated two municipal loans—one of 1,400,000*l.* with the city of Sofia and the other of 320,000*l.* with the municipality of Varna—and largely as a result of these transactions, this bank showed for 1906 a net profit of nearly 17 per cent. on its paid-up capital of only 80,000*l.*

Mr. Toulmin states that in view of the results achieved by these banks, after only a year's business, British capitalists might consider the desirability of promoting a similar institution, which would in a variety of ways contribute towards the development of British trade with the Principality.

The establishment of a British commercial show-room also—on the lines of that founded by the Austro-Hungarian Government some 16 years ago—might, if properly managed, be the means of largely increasing British commerce in the Balkan Peninsula. British manufacturers could send samples of their goods to be inspected and handled by the Bulgarian importer or consumer.

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## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### DOMINION OF CANADA.

A Customs Memorandum (No. 1442 B), dated 22nd October last, has been received laying down special regulations respecting the drawback of duty allowed under item 1017 (schedule B) of the Customs Tariff, 1907, on lap welded tubing used in casing water, oil and natural gas wells imported into Canada.

**Drawback  
on Lap Welded  
Tubing for  
Casing Wells.**

These regulations, which require that the importers' claim for drawback shall be made in prescribed form, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

A further Customs Memorandum (No. 1444 B) of 1st November, 1907, has been received stating that, in the event of damage to the tyres of a tourist's automobile, necessitating the importation of other tyres to take the machine out of Canada, the duty paid on such tyres thus specially imported, and used, may be refunded upon the certificate of a Customs officer as to the exportation of such tyres, together with the automobile and the original tyres therewith brought into Canada, within three months from the time of their arrival in the Dominion.

**Refund of Duty  
on  
Automobile Tyres.**

### DOMINION OF CANADA—FRANCE.

The Franco-Canadian Commercial Convention, which was signed at Paris on 19th September last, has just been issued as a Parliamentary Paper. The Convention provides that certain Canadian products, specified in Schedule A appended to the Convention, and including various food-stuffs, bar, sheet, plate, and cast-iron and steel, ores, hemp, yarn, paper and cardboard, machinery, gloves, boots and shoes, furniture, timber, and wire, shall, on importation into France, Algeria, French Possessions, and the Indo-China Protectorate, enjoy the benefit of the French Minimum Tariff; whilst certain articles of French production, specified in Schedule B, shall, on importation into Canada, be entitled to the benefit of the Intermediate Tariff, and those enumerated in Schedule C shall be subject to special rates of duty.

Among the articles of French production accorded Intermediate Tariff Rates\* are canned meats, dried figs and dates, prunes, nuts, fish preserved in oil, confectionery, perfumery, Castile soap, chinaware, glass, clocks, railway and tramway locomotives and motor cars, electrical apparatus, furniture, cotton and linen

\* For which see the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" for 7th March last.

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embroideries and thread, wearing apparel, women's and children's dress goods, carpeting, plush fabrics, musical instruments, boots and shoes, and jewellery.

The articles in Schedule C accorded special rates of duty (which are lower than those imposed under the Intermediate Tariff) are certain vegetables and fish, wine, books, medicinal preparations (other than dry and not containing alcohol), olive oil, lace and nettings, ribbons, silk velvets and other silk manufactures.

It is further provided that, in order to enjoy the Tariff advantages of the Convention, products of France, Algeria, French Possessions, or the Indo-China Protectorate, must be conveyed to Canada without transshipment from a port of those territories or from a port of a territory entitled to preferential or Intermediate Tariff treatment, while Canadian products must be conveyed without transshipment from a Canadian port or a port of a country enjoying the French minimum Tariff to a port in France, Algeria, &c. The above provisions do not exempt the products of either country from any *surtaxe d'entrepôt* that is now, or hereafter may be, imposed on products imported indirectly.

The Convention, which repeals the Agreement between France and Canada dated 6th February, 1893, is to come into force immediately on ratification, and unless terminated by 12 months' notice from one of the contracting parties, is to remain in force for ten years. If not terminated on the expiry of this term, it shall remain in force for 12 months from the time of its denunciation by either party.

The paper containing the Convention may be obtained directly, or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., price 3d. (official number Cd. 3,823).

### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

Information has been received from the Officer-in-Charge of the Commonwealth Offices in London, to the effect that the Commonwealth Customs Department will accept certificates under the seal of a British Chamber of Commerce as proof of the origin of goods for the purpose of the Australian Tariff in connexion with the preferential rates.

According to information furnished to the Board of Trade by the Officer-in-Charge of the Commonwealth Offices in London, the following items in the new Customs Tariff, now under consideration by the Commonwealth House of Representatives, have been amended so as to read as in the annexed table:—

**Tariff  
Amendments.**

**Proof of Origin  
of Goods : Seal of  
British Chambers  
of Commerce  
accepted.**

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item. | Articles.  | General Tariff.             | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| 143          | Iron, plate and sheet, viz.—<br>(a) Corrugated galvanised iron per ton   | 30s.*                       | 20s.*   |
|              | (b) Galvanised not corrugated, and corrugated not galvanised per ton   | 20s.*                       | 10s.*   |
| 147          | Mangles, clothes-wringers, and washing machines ... ..ad val.  | 20 %*                       | 12½ %*  |
| 148          | Agricultural, horticultural and viticultural machinery and implements, n.e.i., including cane loaders on wheels; channel-making graders; garden and field spraying machines; garden and field rollers; garden hose reels; garden syringes; horse road rollers and machines; lawn mowers, sweepers and sprinklers; road-making ploughs; road scoops and scrapers; scoops; stump extractors ...ad val.<br>[“Feed grinders” have been deleted, and are to be charged under item 164C.]  | 15 %†                       | 12½ %†  |
| 155          | Agricultural, horticultural, and viticultural machinery and implements, viz.—<br>(a) Cream separators ... ..<br>(b) Testers and pasteurizers; cotton gins; fibre scutching machines; hand-worked rakes and ploughs combined; hay tedders; horse rakes; lucerne bunchers; maize harvesters; maize binders; milking machines; mouldboard plates in the rough and not cut into shape; potato raisers or diggers; potato sorters; root cutters, pulpers and graters; straw stackers; sub-surface packers; threshing machines; winnower forks (wood and steel); hand-worked cultivators ...ad val.<br>[“Sheep shearing machines” have been deleted, and are to be charged under item 164. Combs and cutters for these machines will be admitted free, as “tools of trade”†] | Free†                       | Free†   |
|              |  | 10 %                        | Free  |
| 159          | Nails, viz.—<br>(a) Horse-shoe nails... per cwt.<br>(b) Brads (including moulders’ and glassiers’); picture nails; staples, n.e.i.; tacks, n.e.i.; wire and other nails, n.e.i. ... per cwt.<br>(c) Raildogs or brobs and spikes per cwt.  | 8s.†<br>5s. 6d.<br>3s. 3d.‡ | 7s. 6d.<br>5s.<br>3s.‡  |
| 160          | Tanks, containing goods, or empty ...  | Free                        | Free  |

NOTE.—Items 149, 150 and 151 have been passed unaltered.

\* With effect from 25th November, 1907.

† With effect from 26th November, 1907.

‡ With effect from 27th November, 1907.

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| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General Tariff.           | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| 161          | Weighing machines; weighbridges; scales, n.e.i., including chemists' counter scales; spring balances and steel-yards; weights, n.e.i. ....ad val.<br>(a) Adding and computing machines, cash registers, automatic weighbridges, and automatic weighing machines, except coin-fed automatic weighing machines ad val.  | 20 %                      | 20 %  |
| 162          | Motive power machinery and appliances, except electric, viz.—<br>(a) Gas producers, flue heat economisers, mechanical stokers, steam traps, steam turbines, superheaters and water purifiers ....ad val.<br>(b) Not elsewhere included .....  | 10 %\$<br>5 %\$<br>20 %\$ | 5 %\$<br>Free\$<br>20 %\$   |
| 168          | Locomotives, traction and portable engines, steam road rollers, including scarifier attachments ... ....ad val.   | 25 %                      | 20 %  |
| 164          | (a) Pulley blocks and travelling blocks, pneumatic elevators and conveyors, steam turbo-blowers, telfers, apparatus for the liquefaction of gases, patent hoists used for underground mining ... ..ad val.<br>(b) Machines and machinery, n.e.i. ....ad val.  | 5 %  <br>25 %             | Free  <br>20 %  |
| 166          | Machinery and machines; and machine tools, n.e.i., viz.:—<br>(a) Machines, n.e.i., used in the tanning of hides and skins, and in the preparation of leather; automatic can making and closing machines; machinery for scouring and washing wool; machinery and parts thereof used in the manufacture and treatment of fibrous materials, and felt and felt hats; machinery for the manufacture of paper, and for felting; soap-cutting machines; artesian boring machines... ..<br>(b) Machine tools—<br>Hat-making—Hydraulic blocking press for making straw hats ...<br>India-rubber working—Hose machines; steel stamps; steel tyre mandrills; spreading; tread drums; washer cutting ad val. | 15 %                      | 15 %  |

\$ With effect from 27th November, 1907.

|| With effect from 28th November, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General Tariff.           | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|---|
|              | Metal working—Wire netting machines; pneumatic hammers other than hand pneumatic hammers; steam hammers up to and including sizes up to 16 in. cylinders; punching and shearing machines, combined or separate, sizes up to $\frac{1}{4}$ in.; slotting machines, sizes up to 12 in. stroke; centering machines to center up to 6 in. diameter; bolt screwing and nut tapping, combined or separate, sizes above $\frac{1}{4}$ in., and up to 2 in.; bending rolls in sizes to bend up to $\frac{1}{4}$ in. plate...<br>Artesian boring tools, n.e.i. ...<br>Blowers, n.e.i. ...<br>Boot-making machine tools, n.e.i. ...<br>Tyre-benders and shrinkers ...<br>Tinsmiths' tools, being machine, ad val. | 15 %                      | 15 %  |
|              | [Note.—The asterisk and footnote to items 164 and 166 A and B are deleted with effect that, from November 29th, 1907, no rebate of duty is allowed on "Machinery, &c., used in the manufacture of fibrous materials and felt and felt hats, &c."]   |                           |   |
| 171          | Manufactures of metal, n.e.i.—<br>(a) Articles made entirely of aluminium for household use ..ad val.<br>(b) n.e.i. ... .. "  | 5 %†<br>25 %†             | Free†<br>20 %†  |
| 172          | Saws, n.e.i.... .. "  | 15 %†                     | 15 %†   |
| 174          | Type, printers (including spaces and quads), lino. and other slugs, and quotations ... ..ad val.  | 20 %†                     | 20 %†   |
| 176          | Screws—<br>(a) Screws with nuts, engineer set screws, brake and plough screws; music stool and table, roofing, and spiral screws ... ..ad val.<br>(b) Screws for wood ... per cwt.<br>(c) Screws, n.e.i., including sash screws and attachments ...ad val.  | 25 %†<br>5s. 6d.†<br>5 %† | 20 %†<br>5s.†<br>Free†  |
| 177          | Mining engines and machinery, n.e.i.—<br>(a) Earth and rock cutting, dredging and excavating machinery ...<br>(b) Ore dressing machinery and appliances, n.e.i., and accessories..<br>(c) Smelting, leaching and metal refining appliances ...ad. val.  | 25 %†                     | 20 %†   |

Note.—Item No. 168 was passed without alteration.

|| With effect from 28th November, 1907.

† With effect from 29th November, 1907.

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| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|
|              | (d) Rotary and percussive rock drills ... .. ad. val.   | 20 %†           | 15 %†   |
|              | (c) Coal cutting machines, side plates, and balls for ball mills ... .. ad. val.  | 5 %†            | Free†   |
|              | (f) Rock boring machines, n.e.i. ... .. ad. val.  | 25 %†           | 20 %†   |
| 178          | Electrical machines, appliances and parts thereof—  |                 |   |
|              | (a) Dynamo electric machines up to 500 horse-power, including static transformers and induct coils for all purposes and electric fans ... .. ad. val.   | 20 %†           | 20 %†   |
|              | (a a) Dynamo electric machines over the capacity of 500 horse-power ... .. ad. val.   | 12½ %†          | 12½ %†  |
|              | (b) Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus for all electrical purposes, including distributing boards and switchboards, except telephone switchboards ... ad. val.  | 20 %†           | 20 %†   |
|              | (c) Electric apparatus and fittings consisting wholly or partly of metal, n.e.i., including switch fuses and lightning arresters ... .. ad. val.  | 15 %†           | 10 %†   |
|              | (d) Electric heating and cooking appliances ... .. ad. val.   | 15 %†           | 10 %†   |
|              | (e) Electric fittings not containing metal to be dutiable according to material.  |                 |   |
|              | (f) Generators for direct coupling to steam turbines ... .. ad. val.  | 5 %†            | Free†   |
| 179          | Electrical and gas appliances, viz.—  |                 |   |
|              | (a) Electroliers, gasaliers, chandeliers, pendants, brackets, zinc tubing ... .. ad. val.   | 20 %†           | 20 %†   |
|              | (a a) Gas meters ... .. "   | 5 %†            | Free†   |
|              | (b) N.E.I. ... .. "   | 15 %†           | 10 %†   |
| 180          | Electrical articles and materials, viz.—  |                 |   |
|              | Accumulators or storage batteries, arc lamps, arc lamp carbons, cable and wire (covered), carbon in blocks of 12 square inches and over, electric vacuum tubes, measuring and recording instruments, prepared insulating tape, and vapour lamps ... .. ad. val. | 5 %†            | Free†   |
| 181          | Rails, fish plates, fish bolts, tie plates and rods, switches, points, crossings, and intersections for railways and tramways ... .. ad. val.   | 15 %¶           | 10 %¶   |

† With effect from 29th November, 1907.

¶ With effect from 30th November, 1907.

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| Tariff Item. | Articles.  | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------|--|-----------------|---|
| 182          | Iron pipes, cast and wrought, n.e.i. per ton   | 40s.†           | 30s.†   |
| 183          | Iron and steel tubes or pipes (except riveted or cast) not more than 6 inches internal diameter, including flexible metal tubes, Galloway and vertical parallel boiler tubes, water bore casings, wrought and malleable iron fittings for pipes ... .. | Free†           | Free†   |
| 185          | Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers, n.e.i. ad. val.   | 25 %†           | 20 %†   |
| 186          | Barbed wire ... ..   | 25 %†           | 15 %†   |
| 190          | Plates, except plain tin, and sheets and pipes and tubes of any metal, metal cases, plain and polished or decorated ad. val.   | 15 %†           | 15 %†   |
| †190 (a)     | Antimony known as star antimony and antimonial and lead compounds—namely, type metal, linotype metal, antifriction and plastic metals.ad. val.   | 20 %†           | 15 %†   |
| 200          | Droppers, patent steel of all lengths ad. val.   | 17½ %†          | 12½ %†  |
| †210 (a)     | Rivets, bifurcated ... ..  | Free†           | Free†   |
| †220 (a)     | Steel, and steel rimmed wheels of over 18 inches diameter in the tread for trucks and wagons and all steel parts for such wheels ... .. ad. val.   | 5 %†            | Free†   |
| 221          | Tinned plates, plain and tinned sheets ad. val.  | 5 %†            | Free†   |
| 225          | This item has been struck out—wire cloth and wire gauze being dutiable under item 171 (manufactures of metal, n.e.i.).   |                 |   |

*Note.*—Items 184, 194 and 210 were passed without alteration.

† With effect from 30th November, 1907.

‡ These are new items.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 216 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 31st October last respecting the temporary free importation of magazines into the Australian Commonwealth, the Board of Trade have now received information that it is not intended that magazines should be admitted free for a period of four months from 17th October last, but that during that period permission will be given to excise locally, under Customs supervision, so much of the advertising matter as will reduce it to not more than one-fifth of the printed matter contained between the outside covers.

**Treatment of  
Advertising  
Matter in  
Magazines.**

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#### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

The Board of Trade have received a copy of an Order (No. 989), dated 17th October, 1907, issued under the Commerce Act respecting the marking of jewellery imported into the Commonwealth.

**Marking of Imported Jewellery.** It is stated in the Order that jewellery requiring to be marked "rolled gold" or "gold cased," &c., as set out in the second part of the Commerce Regulation 6(2)(h), is marked "18 ct. rolled gold," or the pads, &c. bearing the jewellery have this description stamped thereon.

The Commonwealth Government state that the marking of carat value on jewellery such as this is a misdescription, and is not to be permitted, and the Collector of Customs will obliterate the carat value, in all cases, wherever it appears.

In a Circular (No. 763) of 2nd October last, which has been received from the Commonwealth Government, it is stated that the following arrangements have been made for the payment in London of duty on advertising matter, in instances where the duty on each packet amounts to a small fraction of a penny:—

**Payment of Duty on Advertising Matter.**

"The consignors will place in one package each series of packets for each State, stamp the package with the total amount due on the enclosures instead of stamping the enclosures themselves, and address the package to the Deputy Postmaster-General for the State, who will see that the enclosures are distributed to the addresses."

#### **NATAL.**

The "Natal Government Gazette" for 29th October last contains a Government Notice (No. 623 of 1907), dated 25th October, 1907, notifying, for general information, that various charges will be levied, and conditions enforced, in connexion with the examination, passing and treatment of all consignments of plants entering the Colony of Natal, otherwise than through the post.

The Notice may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **RUSSIA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Russian Customs Department have recently decided that "propeller fans" are properly dutiable on importation into Russia, under No. 167, (1), (a) of the Tariff at the "conventional" rate of 2 roubles 10 copecks per

**Tariff Classification of certain Mechanical Fans.**

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### RUSSIA—continued.

poud (13*s.* 9½*d.* per cwt.). Centrifugal fans, on the other hand, are to pay duty as air-pumps, under No. 167, (1), (b) of the Tariff, at the "conventional" rate of 3 roubles 20 copecks per poud (1*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* per cwt.)

[NOTE.—Sub-division 1 of Tariff No. 167 provides for machines of cast-iron, wrought-iron or steel, even in combination with copper to an extent not exceeding 25 per cent. of the total weight of the machine.]

With reference to the notices which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 16th May and 20th June last on the subject of the tariff classification in Russia of portable engines, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the Russian Customs Department have recently decided that admission under No. 167 (5) of the Customs Tariff at the rate of 75 copecks per poud can only be accorded in the case of *steam* portable engines connected with complex threshing machines or with steam ploughs. Gas, petrol, benzine, and other engines imported with threshing machines are, consequently, to pay duty under No. 167 (1) *b* of the Tariff at the rate of 3 roubles 20 copecks per poud.

### FRANCE—NEW CALEDONIA.

The French "Journal Officiel" for the 22nd November contains a Presidential Decree, dated 16th November, providing for the removal of *live animals* from the schedule of special Customs duties (exceptions to the continental French Tariff) leviable on foreign products on importation into New Caledonia. The duties hitherto leviable on live animals imported into the Colony are, therefore, now superseded by the duties fixed by the Tariff of continental France.

### TURKEY.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 412 of last week's "Board of Trade Journal" reporting the prohibition of the exportation of barley from Turkey, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Minister at Constantinople, to the effect that the prohibition does not extend to special contracts already made. Such contracts will, however, be subject to enquiry.

The exemption of foreign corn from duty has been extended to corn imported into the Vilayets of Trebizond and Adrianople up to the end of January next (old style).

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### TRIPOLI.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information from H.M. Consul at Benghazi to the effect that by Imperial Iradé, dated 14th November, the export of cereals from the Benghazi district is prohibited pending further notice, with the exception, for the period of a fortnight, of such grain as may be already lying in store awaiting shipment.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The United States Treasury Department have recently issued a Circular laying down certain regulations under which the following articles may be re-imported into the United States of America, free of duty:—

**Free Entry of  
Domestic  
Products  
Exported and  
Returned.**

Articles the growth, produce, and manufacture of the United States, when returned after having been exported without being advanced in value or improved in condition by any process of manufacture or other means; casks, barrels, carboys, bags, and other vessels of American manufacture exported filled with American products, or exported empty and returned filled with foreign products, including shooks and staves when returned as barrels or boxes; also quicksilver flasks or bottles, of either domestic or foreign manufacture, which shall have been actually exported from the United States.

A copy of this Circular may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington:—

| Articles.   | Paragraph<br>of the Tariff<br>under which<br>dutiable. | Rate of Duty.         |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| <i>Edgings.</i> —(1) Narrow woven fabrics with inter-woven patterns or effects along the edge thereof (edgings), and (2) narrow woven fabrics coloured and ornamented with raised effects, are dutiable as trimmings :  |  |                       |
| If of cotton ... ..   | 339  | } 60 % <i>ad val.</i> |
| If of silk ... ..   | 390  |                       |
| <i>Picot or loop thread.</i> —So-called "picot" or loop thread, consisting of several cotton threads tightly twisted or woven with small loops in it at intervals of about one-eighth of an inch, not dutiable as a cotton braid nor as a thread, but as a manufacture of cotton ... .. | 322  | 45 % <i>ad val.</i>   |
| <i>Vanadium ore</i> classified as a crude mineral substance in which metals are not present in metallic form ... ..   | 614  | Free.                 |

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#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

*Silk Wearing Apparel containing Rubber—Elastic Belts with Metal Ornamentation.*—Paragraph 390 of the Tariff prescribes a duty of 60 per cent. *ad valorem* for wearing apparel of silk or in chief value of silk, and contains a proviso requiring that the “articles provided for in this paragraph . . . when composed in part of india rubber” shall be subject to the same duty. It is now decided (1) that by virtue of this proviso the paragraph is not limited to wearing apparel in chief value of silk, but, where india rubber is an ingredient, includes all wearing apparel of which the textile fabric therein is composed wholly or in chief value of silk, and (2) that belts made from webbing of silk and india rubber and having metal buckles and steel point ornamentation, silk being the chief component in the webbing but metal the chief component in the completed goods, are dutiable under this proviso rather than under paragraph 193 as articles in part of metal. In determining the classification of articles under paragraph 390 of the Tariff, relating to wearing apparel of silk and india rubber, it is held that only the composition of the textile fabric, which determines the character of the articles as wearing apparel, should be considered, and that metal portions, such as fancy buckles and steel-point ornamentation, may, even though they constitute the element of chief value, be disregarded as being merely incidental or auxiliary parts which should not be allowed to control the classification of the goods.

**A Decision recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (Food Inspection Decision 77) deals with the certification and control of the coal tar dyes permissible for use in colouring foods and foodstuffs, a list of which was given in Decision No. 76 (see “Journal” for 5th September, p. 467). A copy of the Decision may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.**

#### **ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy and translation of an Argentine Law, dated 9th October, authorising the Executive to establish a free zone in the port of La Plata. This measure was submitted to the Argentine Congress towards the end of last year, and its chief provisions will be found noted at pp. 188–9 of the “Board of Trade Journal” for the 24th January last.

**Free Zones at La Plata and at a Port in Santa Fe authorised.**

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**—*continued.*

The present Law also authorises the establishment, at such time as the Executive shall deem fit, of a similar zone at a port in the Province of Santa Fe. H.M. Minister at Buenos Ayres, in forwarding a copy of the Law, states that it is generally thought that Rosario will be the port chosen for the establishment of this second free zone.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 257 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 7th November on the subject of the new Argentine Law relative to railway concessions, it should be noted that by Article VIII. of this Law the materials and articles imported into the Republic, to be used in the construction and working of railways for which concessions are hereafter granted, are to be free of all customs duties, this exemption remaining in force until 1st January, 1947.

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**NICARAGUA.**

With reference to the notice which appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 9th May last reporting, on the authority of a statement by the United States Consul at Bluefields, the increase of the Nicaraguan import duties on butter, pork shoulders, salt meat and laundry soap, and also to the notice in the following issue of the "Journal" announcing the receipt of a telegram from H.M. Minister at Guatemala (Mr. Carden) denying the reported increase of duties, the Board of Trade are now informed by the Foreign Office that, owing to an unfortunate error in the transmission of the enquiry with regard to these duties which was addressed to Mr. Carden, he was misled into supposing that the report related to Guatemalan (and not Nicaraguan) duties; and it was to the Guatemalan duties, therefore, that his denial had reference. In these circumstances, the notice on the subject in the "Journal" for the 16th May should be regarded as withdrawn.

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## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The Registrar of Imports and Exports at Singapore (Mr. A. Stuart) calls attention to the notice in the "Straits Settlements Government Gazette" of 1st November announcing the reduction by practically one-half of the tolls payable by vessels for the use of Straits Lights, to take effect from 1st January, 1908. A vessel passing all the lights will now be charged  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents ( $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ ) for every 7 tons if paid in the Colony, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna ( $\frac{1}{2}d.$ ) per ton if paid at an Indian port, and if one or more but not all the lights are passed the charges will be one-half the above. No vessel shall be called on to pay, in any one month, more than  $37\frac{1}{2}$  cents ( $10\frac{1}{2}d.$ ) for every 7 tons if paid in the Colony, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  annas ( $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ ) per ton if paid at an Indian port: sailing vessels under 200 tons plying within certain local limits are exempted from the payment of dues.

### RUSSIA.

H.M. Minister at St. Petersburg reports, on the authority of the "Official Messenger," that the Ministry of Siberian Railway. Ways of Communication has placed 9,000,000 roubles (947,368*l.*) as extraordinary expenditure on the estimates for work in connexion with the laying of a second line on the Siberian Railway, and has also placed 12,000,000 roubles (1,263,158*l.*), on the estimates for the reconstruction of that part of the line which passes through mountainous districts.

### NORWAY.

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Nordenfjeldske Dampskibsselskab intend starting a new line of steamers from Trondhjem to Baltic ports, calling at ports in the Romsdal district, and at Bergen, Hangesund, Stavanger, and Christiansand. This line will run fortnightly boats to Dantzig, Königsberg, Riga, and St. Petersburg.

### GERMANY—RUSSIA.

With reference to the notice on p. 472 of the "Board of Trade Through Goods Traffic. Journal" for 6th December, 1906, and previous notices, respecting the opening of through communication between Russian and German railway systems, H.M. Councillor of Embassy at Darmstadt reports, on the authority of a local journal, that in virtue of an agreement arrived at between the Russian and Prussian-Hessian Railway Administrations the transport of goods, without unloading, between Germany and Russia and *vice versa* began on the 1st

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November. This was hitherto impossible owing to the difference in the gauge in the two Empires. This traffic is effected over the frontier stations of Grajeivo, Mlawa, and Sosnaace by the use of railway wagons constructed on the Brindsprecher system, which differ from other railway wagons in that the axles and wheels are removed at the frontier and replaced by others which fit the gauge. It is thus possible, adds H.M. Councillor, to send goods between Germany and Russia and *vice versa* without breaking bulk.

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**GERMANY—SWEDEN.**

Referring to the notice on p. 158 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 25th April last respecting proposed steam ferries between Germany and Sweden, H.M. **Ferry Connexion between Prussia and Sweden.** Embassy at Berlin reports that an Agreement was signed at Berlin on the 15th November by the Prussian Authorities and a special deputation from Sweden for the establishment of a ferry connexion. The ferry is to run between Sassnitz and Trelleborg, and it is hoped that it may be open to traffic by the summer of 1909. There will be two Prussian and two Swedish ferry boats, all constructed on the same plan so as to convey railway carriages and sleeping cars: they are to have a speed of 16 knots an hour. It is also proposed to entrust the postal service to these steam ferries. A further understanding, adds H.M. Embassy, may be arrived at with regard to improvements in time tables and to increased facilities for Customs clearance.

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**NETHERLANDS.**

With reference to the notice on p. 276 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 8th August respecting projected improvements to the North Sea Ship Canal, **North Sea Canal.** H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. A. Churchill) has now forwarded a report on the Canal, which may be examined by those interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. All the improvements connected with the navigation of the canal are, says Mr. Churchill, now ready.

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**FRANCE.**

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. E. R. E. Vicers) has forwarded an extract from "Le Salut Public" (Lyons) on the subject of the efforts made by the Paris-Lyon et Méditerranée Railway Company towards the development of the trade in fruit and other agricultural produce, both in France and in other countries. The company have specially directed their attention towards the **Transport of Agricultural Produce.**

### *Shipping and Transport.*

packing of such produce and have held competitions at various times in order to encourage the invention of improved methods.

The extract from "Le Salut Public," with a translation, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### **TURKEY.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of a despatch from the Acting British Consul-General at Bagdad (Major J. Ramsay, C.I.E.), reporting that a carriage service between Bagdad and Aleppo was started on the 1st September. The carriage that left Aleppo on that day completed the journey in about eight and a-half days, while the carriage in the opposite direction took one day longer. At present the company are able to run only two carriages each way every other day; they hope to run three every other day before long. On each day there is one first-class carriage and one second-class. The price of a seat in the former is £T 4 and in the latter £T 2½. The first-class carriage is provided with springs and a hood and is of the flat-bottomed type common in Syria; the second-class carriage has a hood but is less well provided with springs. In addition to these the company have four landaus; for the use of these a charge of £T 20 is made for the journey.

The road is worst between Hit and Ana, but a French engineer has for some time been employed on improving it. Ordinarily the Euphrates is crossed by the bridge of boats at Falluja, but when the river is in flood the bridge is withdrawn, and the carriage then has to be taken across in a boat.

At present the carriages run only during the day time. At the halting places there are the usual khans, for the use of which no charge is made; but the company hope to improve the accommodation, and to make arrangements for the supply of cooked food.

The Company hope to obtain the mail contract after next spring.

#### **JAPAN.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a list of the treaty ports, ports of call, and places open to foreign trade in Japan. This list, which has been prepared under the direction of H.M. Ambassador at Tokio, may be seen by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

H.M. Ambassador, in forwarding this list, states that Nagoya, in the Province of Owari, was declared an open port on the 10th November (as noted in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 28th November, p. 415) under the same conditions as the ports declared open to foreign trade by Imperial Ordinance No. 342 of 1899.

## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### TASMANIA.

Mr. E. A. Nowell, Clerk of the Executive and Legislative Council of Tasmania, has forwarded the following particulars concerning mineral deposits in the Barn Bluff district of Tasmania, which have been supplied to the "Mercury" (Hobart) by one of the pioneers of the Zeehan Farrell and Barn Bluff districts:—

It appears that there are in the neighbourhood of Barn Bluff three immense ore bodies from 200 to 600 feet wide. In one a low estimate gave 3,700,000 tons of highly payable ore containing copper, gold, and silver. In another, the ore assayed up to 20 per cent. copper, 17 oz. silver, and 4 dwt. gold. Another body, assaying copper 11·13 per cent. and silver 11½ oz., is over 400 feet wide, and is described as an immense actinolite body. There is stated to be abundance of water-power with a fall of 120 feet, and timber of the best quality.

### JAPAN.

The following statistics relating to the mineral production of Japan in 1906 have been taken from the "Japan Financial and Economic Monthly." For purposes of comparison the corresponding figures for 1905, so far as available, have been added:—

|                       | 1905.      |            | 1906.      |            |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                       | Quantity.  | Value.     | Quantity.  | Value.     |
|                       |            | Yen.       |            | Yen.       |
| Gold ... .. momme     | 812,764    | 4,063,820  | 766,185    | 3,722,127  |
| Silver ... .. "       | 22,103,408 | 3,293,408  | 20,332,064 | 3,151,563  |
| Copper... .. kin      | 59,158,327 | 23,663,331 | 61,606,557 | 25,751,541 |
| Lead ... .. "         | 3,787,006  | 321,896    | 5,842,356  | 467,388    |
| Tin ... .. "          | *          | *          | 12,810     | 12,562     |
| Antimony ... .. "     | 476,664    | 91,784     | 1,045,044  | 493,677    |
| Quicksilver ... .. "  | *          | *          | 560        | 750        |
| Iron ... .. kwan      | 14,189,913 | 2,639,117  | 15,299,767 | 2,810,320  |
| Iron pyrites ... .. " | 6,818,432  | 75,003     | 8,384,108  | 92,225     |
|                       |            | Kwan       |            |            |
| Manganese ... .. kin  | 23,361,637 | 81,766     | 14,490,606 | 72,453     |
| Arsenic ... .. "      | *          | *          | 8,750      | 639        |
| Phosphor ... .. kwan  | *          | *          | 810,000    | 13,770     |
| Graphite ... .. kin   | *          | *          | 293,462    | 29,546     |
| Coal ... .. tons      | 11,593,292 | 40,276,804 | 13,255,972 | 55,409,963 |
| Peat ... .. "         | *          | *          | 72,820     | 129,230    |
| Petroleum ... .. koku | 1,187,136  | 2,942,910  | 1,510,950  | 4,738,355  |
| Asphalt ... .. kin    | *          | *          | 453,000    | 4,983      |
| Sulphur ... .. "      | 41,087,568 | 575,226    | 45,981,833 | 666,737    |
| Zinc ore ... .. "     | *          | *          | 14,677     | 293,540    |
| Total value ... ..    | —          | 78,109,797 | —          | 97,861,368 |

\* Not available.

NOTE.—Momme = 2·41 dwts.; Kin = 1·32 lbs. (av.); Kwan = 8·26 lbs. (av.); Koku = 39·70 galls.; Yen = 2s. 0½d.

*Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

According to the annual report of the Geological Survey, the production of iron ores in the United States in 1906 amounted to 47,749,728 tons (of 2,240 lb.) valued at 100,597,106 dols. As compared with 1905, the most productive previous year, this was an increase of 12·28 per cent. in quantity, and of 33·83 per cent. in value.

**Iron Ore  
Production.****AGRICULTURE.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 30th November, 1907, were as follows:—

**Corn Prices.**

|        |     |     |     |     |      |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34s. | 7d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27s. | 5d. |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18s. | 7d. |

For further particulars see p. 482.

A statement is published on p. 483, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 30th November, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

**Imports of Agri-  
cultural Produce.****CANADA.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Colonial Office, a copy of a memorandum by the Provincial Department of Agriculture of Saskatchewan, on the grain crop of that province for 1907, which gives the following estimate of the season's crop:—

|        |     |     |     | Area.     | Total yield. | Yield per acre. |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|--------------|-----------------|
|        |     |     |     | Acres.    | Bushels.     | Bushels.        |
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | 1,847,708 | 28,042,106   | 15·17           |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | 772,770   | 29,167,964   | 37·74           |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | 60,261    | 1,903,072    | 30·08           |
| Flax   | ... | ... | ... | 85,209    | 921,043      | 10·81           |

The estimated grading of the wheat crop is as follows:—Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Northern, 10,392,657 bushels; Nos. 4 and 5, 7,941,594 bushels; No. 6 and feed, 9,707,855.

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*Agriculture.*

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

The Board of Trade correspondent at Adelaide (Mr. J. Cresswell) reports, under date of 31st October, that the **Wheat, Hay, Wool, and Fruit Crops.** wheat harvest is now estimated to return 15,000,000 bushels against 21,000,000 bushels last year. It is anticipated that the whole of the surplus supplies will be absorbed in Australia. The hay crop will be light and prices will run high. Chaff, which at the time of writing stood at 4*l.* per ton, is expected to reach 5*l.* or 6*l.* per ton, unless rain falls in Victoria and New South Wales. Wool is fetching good prices, and sheep-farming generally is in a prosperous condition. The fruit crop is expected to be a good one.

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**FIJI.**

The report for 1906 on Fiji, recently issued by the Colonial Office, states that there is undoubtedly a good opening for the cultivation in that Colony of such minor **Cultivation of Rubber and Minor Products.** products as sisal hemp, ginger, limes, spices, tobacco, &c. The cultivation of rubber has hitherto hardly been attempted; successful efforts are, however, being made on at least two plantations to introduce this product. The growth of the existing trees shows that conditions are favourable to both the Para and Ceara species. Large areas of land suitable for rubber cultivation can be obtained at reasonable rates. (*Colonial Reports—Annual*, 548.)

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

A telegram has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Minister at Buenos Ayres reporting that the **Crop Prospects.** recent alarmist telegrams concerning damage to Argentine crops by locusts are unjustifiable. The wheat and linseed crops are quite safe, and they are estimated to be the heaviest on record, the harvesting having already commenced in the Northern States districts. It is too soon, says H.M. Minister, to give an authoritative opinion about the maize crop, which is always more exposed to damage, but experienced growers are confident of their ability to cope with the locusts, which have appeared considerably later than usual this year. Owing to recent rains the crop is at present most promising.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.****UNITED KINGDOM.**

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 28th November, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 109,770 (including 153 bales British West African) and the number imported during the forty-eight weeks ended the 28th November was 4,150,442 (including 5,961 bales British West Indian and 10,485 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 28th November, 9,674 bales, and for the forty-eight weeks, 457,087 bales.

For further details see p. 482.

**NORWAY.**

**H.M. Legation at Christiania** reports that the Bill amending the Norwegian Law regarding the utilisation of watercourses (see p. 281 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 8th August) has received the Royal Sanction. **H.M. Legation** has also forwarded a copy of a Royal Resolution dated 12th September, 1907, amplifying the above-mentioned Act, and decreeing that a Royal concession is not required for works by which the water power available for industrial purposes is not increased by more than three thousand horse-power in consequence of these works.

**H.M. Legation** also reports that, at a Council of State held on the 4th November, it was decided that all questions regarding the acquisition by foreigners of real property in Norway (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 27th June last, p. 624, and previous notices) shall in future be dealt with in the Department for Commerce instead of in the Department for Justice. Applications for permission to purchase forests shall, however, come before the Department for Agriculture, and those concerning waterfalls before the Department for Public Works.

**H.M. Consul at Christiania** (Mr. F. E. Drummond Hay) reports that during last year the total number of commercial travellers' licences issued at Christiania was 961, as compared with 893 for 1905. 321 licences issued at other towns in Norway were presented to the Christiania police for *visa* as against 318 in 1905. Out of the 961 licences issued at Christiania, 508 were granted to German subjects, 158 to Danish, 95 to British, 58 to French, 48 to Austrian, and 53 to Swedish. Of the 321 taken out in other Norwegian towns, 157 were issued to German, 70 to Danish, 33 to British, 24 to Swedish, and 11 to French commercial travellers. During 1905 the number of licences granted to British subjects amounted to 75, and 36 were presented for *visa*.

### *Miscellaneous.*

#### **NORWAY**—*continued.*

The British Vice-Consul at Bergen (Mr. E. F. Gray) has forwarded a cutting from the "Bergens Aftenblad" announcing the passing of the following Resolution by the Bergen Board of Health respecting the sale in that town of hermetically preserved goods:—

**Sale of  
Hermetically  
Preserved Goods  
in Bergen.**

"From the 1st January next year all hermetically closed goods offered for sale in Bergen shall bear the firm mark or registered merchandise mark of the factory where they were made. From the same date it is forbidden in Bergen to sell inferior quality ('udsorterede') boxes of hermetically preserved goods unless they bear a mark issued from the factory and approved by the Board of Health [Bergen] and attached to the box, and also bear the mark of the factory and the month of manufacture in clear characters."

#### **FRANCE.**

H.M. Embassy at Paris has forwarded the following memorandum on the importation of frozen salmon into France:—

**Importation of  
Frozen Salmon.**

"The French Law of the 31st May, 1865, prohibits the importation of fish into France during the close season. On the 12th July, 1880, a circular was issued tolerating the importation of frozen fish during the close season under certain conditions, viz.: when accompanied by certificates of origin and sealed.

"This tolerance having given rise to abuse, such as the sending of French fish to Holland and Germany to be re-imported as fish of foreign origin, the Minister of Agriculture issued a Circular on the 18th October last cancelling the tolerance accorded in 1880, and reverting to the strict application of the law of 1865. This new order, however, has given rise to so many complaints that it has been finally decided to admit the fish on the terms of the circular of 1880, and instructions have been given in that sense. It is understood, however, that at the end of the present close season, the question will be re-opened in order that this tolerance may be continued without giving rise to abuse."

#### **SPAIN.**

The October Bulletin of the French Chamber of Commerce at Barcelona states that the "Unión Resinera Española" has produced, during the year 1906, 3,982 tons of essence of turpentine, and 14,601 tons of colophany. These figures show an increase of 946 tons of turpentine and 2,445 tons of colophany over the preceding year. Most of the colophany was exported to the United Kingdom.

**Turpentine and  
Colophany  
Production.**

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*Miscellaneous.*

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**TURKEY.**

Adverting to the extract, noted on pp. 382-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 23rd May last, from the annual report of H.M. Consul at Constantinople (Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,776), in which it is stated that commercial travellers' samples taken into Turkey will be considered as goods in transit, and that the duty (eleven per cent. *ad valorem*) paid on them will be returned if they are re-exported within six months, it should be noted that *only ten per cent.* will be refunded in these circumstances, the remaining one per cent. being retained as transit duty.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 575 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 19th September last, and previous notices, relating to commercial and financial conditions in San Francisco, the Board of Trade have now received a further communication from a trustworthy source, reporting that as regards the tightness of money the situation remains unchanged. Owing to the difficulty of financing new undertakings, both the Southern Pacific and Santa Fé Railroad Companies have given orders to retrench, and much construction work has been stopped. Only the most important improvements will be carried out at present, and hundreds of men employed by those companies at different railway works have been discharged.

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**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

H.M. Consul at Rosario (Mr. H. M. Mallet) has forwarded a specimen of the quebracho hard wood blocks which, after some years' trial, have been found to provide an excellent paving for the streets of that town. The quebracho tree from which the blocks are obtained grows in large quantities in the Santa Fé chaco, and in some of the interior provinces. Several companies have been formed, and considerable capital invested in machinery for cutting and preparing the wood. According to a pamphlet issued by the Rosario Municipality relating to a contract for street paving, the cost of laying the pavement is 5.40 dollars (9s. 5d.) per lineal metre for street curbing, and 12.25 dollars (1l. 1s. 5d.) per square metre for complete paving. The blocks may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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*Miscellaneous.***MEXICO.**

The "Diario Oficial" of 30th October notifies that a contract has been entered into between El Ministerio de **Guayule Rubber Exploitation.** Fomento and Messrs. Fernando Solís Cámara and Ricardo Anteaga, conceding rights to the latter for the exploitation of the guayule rubber plant\* in the unoccupied Government lands in the States of Zacatecas and Durango. The contract covers a period of ten years from the date of its publication in the "Diario." On the expiration of the contract the lands will revert to the Government.

**ECUADOR.**

H.M. Consul at Quito (Mr. L. Söderström) has forwarded a copy and translation of a contract made between the **Colonisation of "El Oriente."** Government of Ecuador and the firm of O. Alexander & Company of Guayaquil for colonising the eastern part of Ecuador, known as "El Oriente." The Consul believes that a representative of the Company was, at the time of writing (8th October), in Europe with the object of disposing of the concession to some foreign capitalists. Under present circumstances, the Consul remarks, all schemes of bringing emigrants to Ecuador are liable to failure, as on the eastern side of the Republic there are no roads, properly speaking; in the rainy season the rivers rise very high and the tracks are rendered almost impassable; besides this, the question of the boundary between Ecuador and Peru remains unsettled.

By the sixth clause of the contract, the Company are bound to construct a permanent railway, with the corresponding bridges and causeways, from the inhabited centre chosen by agreement between the Government engineers and those of the Company, up to the limit of the lands ceded to the latter. The Company are further obliged to establish telegraph lines along the whole of the railway.

H.M. Consul adds that previous to the foregoing contract for immigration and the colonisation of "El Oriente," the two following contracts had already been made:—

1. With Baron Baudouin van Dedem, for the construction of a railway from the Pacific coast in the province of Esmeraldas, to the capital, to pass through the towns of Ibaña and Otavalo (see "Board of Trade Journal" of the 9th May, 1907, p. 257). This contract was ratified by the National Assembly on 5th February, 1907, and authorised by the Executive on 14th February, 1907.

2. With Daniel Conde de Chamacé, for the construction of a railway from the town of Ambato to "El Oriente" to the navig-

\* Notices regarding the guayule rubber industry in Mexico appeared in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 28th March last and in previous issues.

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able tributaries of the Marañon or the Amazon. It is hardly probable, says H.M. Consul, that this contract will ever be ratified.

H.M. Consul also refers to another contract—between the Government of Ecuador and Mr. Abelardo Moncayo A.—on the same lines as that with Messrs. Alexander & Company, which, he says, seems to stand a good chance of becoming effective.

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**CHINA.**

The Acting Commissioner of Customs at Wuchow (Mr. S. M. Russell) states in his annual report that "Moxa," a soft woolly mass prepared from the young leaves of the *Artemisia Chinensis*, appeared for the first time in the export returns of that port in the year 1904, the quantity exported being 12 piculs, valued at 2,100 Hk. taels. In 1906 the export increased to 280 piculs, valued at 49,000 Hk. taels. Its cultivation has only recently been introduced at Tengyün and Sünchow. It is much prized by the Chinese for its medicinal qualities and is used externally in the cure of colds and fever. As it is practically a new industry in these districts and a new export through the Native Customs, it will be interesting, says Mr. Russell, to watch its future development.

The Acting Commissioner of Customs at Santuao (Mr. F. W. Carey), in his report for 1906, states that the export of tea oil from that port is increasing. This oil, which is expressed from the seeds of the tea plant by a very crude process, is said to be excellent as a lubricant for all kinds of machinery. Its price locally is from 10 dols. to 12 dols. a picul. The quantity of the oil exported in 1906 was 7,009 piculs, against 6,385 piculs in the preceding year.

Picul =  $133\frac{1}{3}$  lb.

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**STATISTICAL TABLES.****Cotton Returns.**

Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 48 Weeks ended 28th November, 1907 :—

|                      | Week ended<br>28th Nov.,<br>1907. | 48 Weeks<br>ended<br>28th Nov.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>28th Nov.,<br>1907. | 48 Weeks<br>ended<br>28th Nov.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 87,757                            | 3,128,122                                | 6,633                             | 234,352                                  |
| Brasilian ... ..     | 573                               | 192,929                                  | 100                               | 18,226                                   |
| East Indian ... ..   | 174                               | 200,159                                  | 202                               | 77,438                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 20,593                            | 481,688                                  | 2,400                             | 114,294                                  |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | *673                              | †147,544                                 | 339                               | 12,227                                   |
| Total ... ..         | 109,770                           | 4,150,442                                | 9,674                             | 457,037                                  |

\* Including 153 bales British West African.

† " 10,485 " " " " 5,961 bales British West Indian.

**Corn Prices.**

Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 30th November, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

|                                       |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                       |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
| Week ended 30th November, 1907 ... .. |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
|                                       |  | 34             | 7  | 27      | 5  | 18    | 7  |
| Corresponding week in—                |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                           |  | 26             | 10 | 25      | 11 | 17    | 4  |
| 1901 ... ..                           |  | 27             | 1  | 26      | 7  | 19    | 0  |
| 1902 ... ..                           |  | 25             | 1  | 24      | 4  | 17    | 0  |
| 1903 ... ..                           |  | 26             | 8  | 23      | 9  | 15    | 9  |
| 1904 ... ..                           |  | 30             | 4  | 24      | 6  | 16    | 2  |
| 1905 ... ..                           |  | 28             | 8  | 24      | 6  | 17    | 11 |
| 1906 ... ..                           |  | 26             | 1  | 24      | 1  | 17    | 2  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 30th November, 1907, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|  |              | Week ended<br>30th Nov.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>   |              |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves  | Number.      | 4,929                             | 11,054                              |
| Sheep and lambs  | "            | 1,516                             | 3,470                               |
| Swine  | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses   | "            | 144                               | 193                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>  |              |                                   |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen)                                 | Cwts.        | 90,894                            | 85,074                              |
| Mutton   | "            | 76,087                            | 18,525                              |
| Pork   | "            | 14,900                            | 11,710                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>  |              |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon  | Cwts.        | 85,505                            | 85,954                              |
| Beef   | "            | 2,100                             | 3,289                               |
| Hams   | "            | 15,190                            | 17,655                              |
| Pork   | "            | 8,910                             | 3,004                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh  | "            | 14,048                            | } 8,515                             |
| " " salted   | "            | 1,251                             |                                     |
| " " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) | "            | 9,948                             |                                     |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>                                   |              |                                   |                                     |
| Butter   | Cwts.        | 58,762                            | 61,116                              |
| Margarine  | "            | 17,792                            | 19,421                              |
| Cheese   | "            | 42,302                            | 55,374                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums  | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| " cream  | "            | 119                               | 71                                  |
| " condensed  | "            | 18,451                            | 15,274                              |
| " preserved, other kinds   | "            | 459                               | 150                                 |
| Eggs   | Grt. Hunder. | 418,461                           | 367,336                             |
| Poultry  | Value £      | 14,648                            | 10,223                              |
| Game   | "            | 8,922                             | 2,347                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen)   | Cwts.        | 10,546                            | 7,543                               |
| Lard   | "            | 33,860                            | 38,609                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>                                    |              |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat  | Cwts.        | 1,083,100                         | 1,615,800                           |
| Wheat meal and flour   | "            | 282,500                           | 226,400                             |
| Barley   | "            | 519,700                           | 447,800                             |
| Oats   | "            | 214,600                           | 100,000                             |
| Peas   | "            | 58,780                            | 33,890                              |
| Beans  | "            | 17,760                            | 10,420                              |
| Maize or Indian corn   | "            | 1,051,200                         | 1,096,100                           |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>  |              |                                   |                                     |
| Apples   | Cwts.        | 169,989                           | 160,280                             |
| Apricots and peaches   | "            | 212                               | —                                   |
| Bananas  | Bunches.     | 112,347                           | 140,583                             |
| Cherries   | Cwts.        | —                                 | —                                   |
| Currants   | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| Gooseberries   | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| Grapes   | "            | 17,069                            | 5,934                               |
| Lemons   | "            | 10,952                            | 17,845                              |
| Oranges  | "            | 255,572                           | 168,101                             |
| Pears  | "            | 6,085                             | 5,070                               |
| Plums  | "            | 59                                | —                                   |
| Strawberries   | "            | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated   | "            | 2,852                             | 852                                 |
| Hay  | Tons.        | 1,991                             | 2,371                               |
| Straw  | "            | 1,281                             | 1,216                               |
| Moss Litter  | "            | 1,413                             | 1,870                               |
| Hops   | Cwts.        | 6,288                             | 13,028                              |
| Locust Beans   | "            | 48,613                            | 22,000                              |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>   |              |                                   |                                     |
| Onions   | Bushels.     | 119,728                           | 247,680                             |
| Potatoes   | Cwts.        | 202,805                           | 35,725                              |
| Tomatoes   | "            | 12,917                            | 12,145                              |
| Unenumerated   | Value £      | 8,927                             | 5,502                               |
| Vegetables, dried  | Cwts.        | 9,084                             | 9,859                               |
| Preserved by canning   | "            | 8,918                             | 4,454                               |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of October, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 3d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes and a Supplement, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first volume, 3s. 4d. for the second volume, and 3s. 9d. for the Supplement, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country, and in the Supplement, Abstract and detailed tables showing countries of consignment of imports, and countries of ultimate destination of exports.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the November issue:—State of the Labour Market in October; Railway Dispute, Terms of Settlement; Mines and Quarries in 1906; Rules of Conciliation Boards; Proceedings of Distress Committees in 1906-7; and Conciliation Cases.

### COLONIAL OFFICE REPORT.

A report from the following British Colony has been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal," viz.:—

No. 549. Jamaica.

### OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

*Statistical Tables relating to British Colonies, Possessions and Protectorates. Part XXX. 1905. [Cd. 3,706.] Price 6s. 7d.;*

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*Coal Tables, 1906.* 349. Price 6d.

This is the thirteenth annual number of this return, which is prepared in the Commercial, Labour, and Statistical Department of the Board of Trade, showing the production and consumption of coal in the principal countries of the world during each of the years from 1885 to 1906, or to the most recent years for which statistics are available. In addition to statistics of production and consumption, particulars are given of the average value per ton at the collieries, the number of persons employed in coal mining, coal imports and exports, &c. Statistics of lignite production and petroleum production in certain countries are also contained in the return.

An article on the coal production and consumption of the principal countries of the world, based on this return, appears at pp. 450-2.

*Aliens Act, 1905. A Return of Alien Passengers brought to the United Kingdom from Ports in Europe or within the Mediterranean Sea during the three months ended 30th September, 1907; together with the number of Expulsion Orders made during that period requiring Aliens to leave the United Kingdom.* [Cd. 3,831]. Price 1½d.

According to this return, the total number of alien passengers landed in the United Kingdom during July, August, and September from ports in Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, was 160,277. The number landed during the nine months ended the 30th September, 1907, was 387,155, as compared with 373,617 during the corresponding period of 1906. There were 83 expulsion orders during the three months, as compared with 92 during the corresponding period of 1906.

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This is the fourth, and final, part of Volume XLI. of the annual *Agricultural Statistics* published by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. It comprises particulars, in continuation of those given for many years past, of Colonial, Indian and Foreign Agriculture, and it also contains, for the first time, tables relating to the official prices of agricultural commodities in certain countries. Statistics for Great Britain, Ireland and the United Kingdom respectively, compiled as nearly as possible on the same plan as those given for the Colonies and foreign countries, are also (for convenience of comparison) included in this part of the report, although some of them have already appeared in Part I., published in December last.

*Banking, Railway and Shipping Statistics, Ireland (June, 1907). [Cd. 3,818.] Price 7½d.*

This is the half-yearly report on the banking, railway and shipping statistics of Ireland, issued by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and deals with the period January-June, 1907. The deposits and cash balances in joint stock banks amounted on the 30th June, 1907, to 48,067,000*l.* (excluding 2,957,000*l.* Government and other public accounts in the Bank of Ireland), being the highest amount for June of which there is record, and 2,225,000*l.* in excess of that for June, 1906. The estimated amount in the Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland on the 30th June, 1907, was 10,637,000*l.*, as compared with 10,459,000*l.* for the corresponding period of 1906. The receipts of Irish railways during the first half of the year 1907, amounted to 1,929,240*l.*, an increase of 50,137*l.*, or 2·7 per cent., as compared with the receipts during the first half of 1906.

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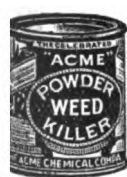
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A. A. PADLEY, Solicitor,  
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J. FRED. HAWKINS,  
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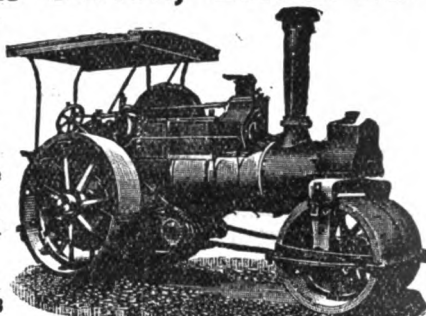
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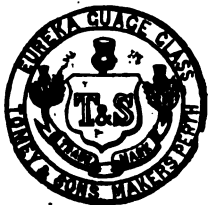
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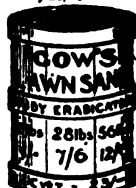
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The Offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade are at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. — registered telegraphic address, "Advantage, London," Code—5th Edition A.B.C., telephone number 12807 Central. A statement of the objects and work of the Branch will be found on p. 539.

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## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The East Indian Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders

**Railway Material** for the supply and delivery of:—(1) Pig iron;  
**and Stores.** (2) Materials for steel foundry; (3) Firebricks;  
 (4) Miscellaneous stores; (5) Bolts, nuts, rivets,  
 &c., as per specifications to be seen at the Company's Offices,

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#### **BRITISH INDIA—continued.**

Nicholas Lane, London, E.C. Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Pig Iron," or as the case may be, not later than noon on the 18th December. The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. For each specification a fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* is charged, which cannot under any circumstances be returned.

The official "Indian Trade Journal" of the 14th November publishes the following trade enquiry:—**Calculating Machines.** Makers and sellers of calculating machines of various types are requested to furnish full information to the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence, 5, Clive Street, Calcutta.

#### **CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Commercial Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.,** whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

##### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

An English manufacturer of **chains and hardware** is desirous of appointing agents in large business centres in Canada.

An English firm of merchants desire to increase their import trade with Canada, particularly as regards **wooden ware**, and would be pleased to get into touch with Canadian exporters wishing to be represented on this side.

A commission agent in the South of England desires to get into communication with Canadian **milling** firms wishing to be represented in Great Britain.

##### **CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

An Ontario firm ask for the names of the leading **bridge or structural steel** manufacturing concerns in Great Britain.

An Ottawa firm desire to get into touch with United Kingdom importers of **mica, molybdenite and pulpwood**.

A correspondent in Vancouver, British Columbia, desires to be placed in touch with a manufacturers' agent in the United Kingdom in the **linen** trade, with the object of opening an import trade.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.,** whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

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**CANADA—continued.****HOME ENQUIRIES.**

An English company manufacturing storage batteries wish to get into touch with Canadian importers.

A London company manufacturing a new incandescent petroleum lamp, which has met with much success, wish to arrange for its introduction and sale in Canada.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A firm of printers and publishers in Toronto wish to get into touch with wholesale firms carrying advertising novelties, cards, &c., who seek representation in Canada.

A firm in Toronto seek a few additional agencies in heavy chemicals and minerals: and also in pig-iron, lead, and associated metals.

A firm of wholesale commission merchants and brokers in Calgary, Alberta, are prepared to represent a few additional United Kingdom shippers of wholesale grocery sundries and foreign produce.

A Canadian company manufacturing beech, birch, and maple broom handles, 42 in. long by 1 in. at bottom, tapering to  $\frac{7}{8}$  in. at top, and also a heavier handle for factory brooms, would be pleased to quote prices to United Kingdom buyers.

A Montreal manufacturers' agent is prepared to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of soft goods, men's furnishings, fancy leather goods, and small wares.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

The Representative of the Commonwealth in London (Capt.

Telephone

Switchboard.

R. Muirhead Collins, C.M.G.) has received tender forms, specifications, &c., in connexion with the supply, delivery, and erection at the Post Office, Newcastle, New South Wales, of one branching metallic multiple magneto switchboard, for which tenders will be received at the Office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to 2.30 p.m. on the 8th January.

Copies of the specification, tender form, &c., may be obtained at the Commonwealth Offices in London, 72, Victoria Street, London, S.W., where preliminary deposits on tenders may be paid. Copies of the specification and conditions may be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. It should be noted, however, that the limited time allotted for receipt of tenders only permits of firms tendering who have arrangements with their agents that can be availed of by cable.

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

Referring to the notice on p. 397 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 28th November, the Board of Trade Correspondent at Adelaide (Mr. J. Cresswell) has forwarded a copy of the specification and conditions relating to the supply and delivery to the Municipal Tramways Trust, Adelaide, of special work, points and crossings for tramways. Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for Special Work," must reach the Chairman, Municipal Tramways Trust, 8, King William Street, Adelaide, by noon on 11th February, 1908. Tenders must be accompanied by a preliminary deposit equal to one per cent. of the total amount of the tender.

The specification and conditions may be examined by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**SOUTHERN NIGERIA.**

The Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of Southern Nigeria, invite tenders

**Goods Wagons.** for the supply of one hundred 38-ft. high-sided goods wagons, 3 ft. 6 in. gauge. Forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained on application at the Office of the Crown Agents, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.), on payment of a deposit of 1l., returnable on receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender for the whole or part of the supplies required. Tenders (in sealed envelopes) are to be delivered to the Crown Agents not later than noon on the 23rd December, endorsed "Tender for High-sided Wagons." The Crown Agents do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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**EGYPT.**

H.M. Consul at Cairo (Mr. A. D. Alban) has forwarded a copy of the conditions of tender for the supply of khaki

**Khaki Uniforms.** uniforms required by the Egyptian State Railways and Telegraphs for the summers of 1908, 1909 and 1910. Samples of the material required may be examined at the office of Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, R.E., C.M.G., Queen Anne's Chambers, Broadway, Westminster, London, S.W., where also specifications and forms of tender may be obtained. Intending tenderers must lodge in the Central Treasury of the Administration at Cairo a provisional deposit equal to one-tenth of the total amount of their tenders. Tenders, accompanied by a stamped paper of 30 millîèmes (to be obtained from Lieut.-Col. Western) and the receipt for the provisional deposit, and enclosed in two envelopes, the inner bearing the inscription "Tender for the supply of Clothing," must

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#### **EGYPT**—*continued.*

be delivered by registered post to the General Manager, Egyptian State Railways and Telegraphs, Cairo, before noon on the 31st December.

H.M. Consul has forwarded further a copy of the conditions of tender for the purchase of old railway materials from the Egyptian State Railways Administration. The specification and tender form, with a list of the materials for sale, may be obtained from Lieut.-Col. J. H. Western, at the address given above. Tenders, accompanied by a stamped paper of 30 millièmes and the receipt for the provisional deposit, and enclosed in two envelopes, the inner bearing the inscription "Tender for the Purchase of Old Materials," should reach the General Manager, Egyptian State Railways and Telegraphs, Cairo, by noon on the 8th January next.

Copies of the specifications and conditions relating to the above contracts may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### **DENMARK.**

The Acting British Consul at Copenhagen (Mr. C. H. Funch) has forwarded copies of the conditions and specifications relating to a call for tenders for the supply of:—

|   |   |   |    |   |   |
|---|---|---|----|---|---|
| 1,200 cast iron pipes, 2 inches (Danish measure). |   |   |    |   |   |
| 1,500   | " | " | 3  | " | " |
| 1,500   | " | " | 4  | " | " |
| 500   | " | " | 5  | " | " |
| 500   | " | " | 6  | " | " |
| 50  | " | " | 8  | " | " |
| 100   | " | " | 10 | " | " |

Tenders must be sent in sealed envelopes marked "Tilbud paa Levering af Støbejernsrør," and should reach Kjöbenhavn's Vandværks Kontor before 2 p.m. on 27th December, 1907.

The conditions and specifications may be examined by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### **SWEDEN.**

H.M. Consul at Stockholm (Mr. H. M. Villiers) reports that tenders will be received not later than noon on the 19th December, at the "Armens intendenturförråd, Skeppsholmen, Stockholm," for

**Cloth.**

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the supply of 2,500 metres of dark blue cloth, 500 metres of dark blue cloth for caps, 500 metres of medium blue cloth, 250 metres of red cloth, 50 metres of black cloth, and 100 metres of orange cloth. The goods will be required to be delivered by the 1st April, 1908.

Copies of the conditions of contract (in Swedish), together with samples of the materials required, may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### BELGIUM.

H.M. Consul-General at Antwerp (Sir E. C. Hertslet) reports that tenders are invited by the Municipal Authorities of that city for the construction of two groups of metal sheds on one of the new subsidiary docks at Antwerp. The estimated cost of the work is 593,400 frs. (about 23,736*l.*). Tenders, in sealed registered envelopes, should be delivered to Monsieur le Bourgmestre de la Ville, Hôtel de Ville, Antwerp, not later than the 30th December. A deposit of 35,000 frs. (about 1,400*l.*) will be required to qualify any tender.

The specification may be obtained from the Hôtel de Ville, Antwerp, on payment of two francs. A copy may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The "Bulletin Commercial" of 30th November contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply in 1908 of accessories for Vignole rails of 57 kilogs. per metre, comprising 70,000 fishplates and 200,000 steel chairs. Tenders must be sent in, before the 18th December, to the Direction des Voies et Travaux, Rue de Louvain 11, Brussels, where also copies of the specification may be obtained.

The same "Bulletin" contains a notice inviting tenders for the construction and working of a local railway between Eeckeren and Brasschaet (Sainte Mariaburg). A deposit of 10,000 fr. (about 400*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Conditions and plans may be obtained from the above-mentioned "Direction," where tenders will be received up to 6th January.

### SPAIN.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 30th November contains a copy of a Decree authorising the purchase and installation of an incandescent lamp for the lighthouse on the island del Aire (Balearic Islands), and another for that of Cabo Cabelleria.

**Lighthouse  
Lamps.**

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### SPAIN—continued.

The same "Gaceta" contains a notice inviting tenders for the construction of an iron bridge over the river Galera, in the province of Granada, at the estimated cost of 216,227 pesetas (about 7,587*l.*). Tenders must be sent in to "El Ministerio de Fomento," Madrid, before the 26th December. Local representation is necessary. A deposit of 10,900 pesetas (about 382*l.*) is required to qualify any tender.

The "Gaceta" of 4th December announces that tenders for the supply of English coal, required for the navy and for coastguard vessels during the years 1908 and 1909, will be received up to 10 a.m. on the 2nd January, at the "Centro Consultivo" of the "Ministerio de Marina" at Madrid.

The "Gaceta" of 6th December contains the following applications for concessions for the construction of electric tramways:—1. By the *Compañía general de Tranvías de Barcelona* for lines from the junction of the streets of San Juan de Malta and Cortes to the street of Argüelles, with a branch from the Plaza de las Glorias Catalanas to the street del Besós, and from the street of las Cortes to that of Casa Antúnez, with a branch to the cemetery; 2. by the *Compañía del Tranvia Urbano de Bilbao* for a line from the street de Achuri to the Ibeni wharf.

One month from the date of publication in the "Gaceta" is allowed for the presentation at the Directorate-General of Public Works (*Dirección general de Obras públicas*), Madrid, of other applications for these concessions on terms more favourable to the Government.

### AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.

The "Lieferungswesen" (Vienna) of the 5th December announces that tenders will be received by the K. K. Staatsbahndirektion at Prague (1) till noon on the 31st December for the supply of an electric travelling crane to lift three tons, required by the railway works at Laun; (2) till noon on the 4th January for the supply of an electric pump of a capacity of 70 cubic metres per hour, with suction plant and compressed air boiler, required by the water-power works at the station at Bodenbach. Tenders for (1) should be marked "Offert auf die Lieferung eines dreitonigen Laufkranes für die Werkstätte Laun," and tenders for (2) "Offerte auf Lieferung der elektrischen Pumpe für die Wasserstation Bodenbach." Forms of tender, &c., may be obtained from the K.K. Staatsbahndirektion, Abteilung 4, Prague.

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#### **AUSTRIA-HUNGARY**—*continued.*

The "Lieferungswesen" further announces that tenders are invited for the construction of water power works, including the supply of a turbine, generator and other plant required in connexion with the erection of a hydro-electric central power house on the Koritnica-bach. Tenders will be received at the K.K. Bergverwaltung, Raibl, up to the 31st December.

##### **Hydro-Electric Plant.**

#### **ITALY—SICILY.**

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) has forwarded a translation of a notice which has been issued by the Municipal Authorities of Terranova, Sicily, inviting tenders up to the 31st December, for the exclusive right to bring into the town the water from the Cassari source, territory of Mazzarino, and to administer for a given number of years its distribution for private or domestic use, industrial or agricultural purposes, or for public use or public service. The Cassari source is situated north-north-east of the town, about 27 kilometres distant in a straight line. The cost of conducting and distributing the drinking water, according to a rough estimate of expenses, amounts to 1,100,000 lire (about 44,000*l.*), in which is included the expenses of expropriation and 122,703 lire for unforeseen expenses, direction of the work, &c.

##### **Water Supply.**

#### **NOTICE TO IMPORTERS FROM PALERMO.**

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) reports the suspension of payments by a fruit shipper whose name will be given to British firms in the trade on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.**

A meeting of the General Advisory Committee was held on the 4th December, at the offices of the Board of Trade. Those present were:—Mr. Llewellyn Smith, C.B. (presiding); Sir Hugh Bell, Bart.; Sir Robert Giffen, K.C.B.; Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B.; Professor S. J. Chapman; Mr. M. Delevingne, of the Home Office; Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G.; Mr. H. W. Macrosty, and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (acting Secretary).

The third meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Iron and Steel Trades** also took place at the offices of the Board of Trade on the 4th December. There were present, Mr. A. Wilson Fox,

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C.B. (presiding); Sir Hugh Bell, Bart.; Sir W. Thomas Lewis, Bart.; Mr. Bennett H. Brough; Mr. H. J. Skelton; Mr. J. R. Winpenny; Mr. William Wylie; Professor S. J. Chapman; Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G.; Mr. H. W. Macrosty, and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (acting Secretary).

The fourth meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Coal Mining Industry** was held on 10th December at the offices of the Board of Trade. There were present—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (presiding); Mr. T. Ratcliffe Ellis, Mr. R. Baird, Mr. G. J. Binns, Mr. Gascoyne Dalziel, Mr. E. Garforth, Mr. R. Guthrie, Mr. F. J. Jones, Mr. W. N. Atkinson (Superintending Inspector of Mines), Mr. M. Delevingne, of the Home Office, Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G., Mr. H. W. Macrosty and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (Acting Secretary).

The second meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Woollen and Worsted Industries** was held on the 11th December at the offices of the Board of Trade. There were present:—Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (presiding); Mr. William H. Mitchell, J.P.; Mr. T. Craig Brown; Mr. M. Crothers; Mr. James Hill; Mr. Albert H. Illingworth; Mr. T. Fielding Johnson, junr.; Mr. Jonathan Peate; Mr. Frederick Hooper; Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G.; Mr. H. W. Macrosty; and Mr. G. C. L. Maunder (Acting Secretary).

## FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN NOVEMBER, 1907.\*

### I.—GENERAL.

The trade returns for November, 1907, when compared with those for the corresponding month of 1906, show increases in the value of the **Imports** into the United Kingdom, and of the **Exports** of British produce, but a decrease in the **Exports** of Foreign and Colonial merchandise.

The value of the **Imports** in November, 1907, was 57,145,099*l.*, an increase of 1,398,020*l.*, or 2·5 per cent., as compared with November, 1906, whilst the total **Exports** amounted to 41,998,893*l.* or an increase of 1,726,070*l.* The **Exports** of British produce show an increase of 2,887,014*l.*, or 8·8 per cent., as compared with November, 1906, whilst there is a decrease of 1,160,944*l.*, or 15·9 per cent., in the **Exports** of Foreign and Colonial merchandise.

### II.—IMPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the **Imports** for November, 1907, as compared with the corresponding months of 1906 and 1905, according to the different categories of merchandise:—

\* Reference should be made to the article on "Changes in the Monthly Trade Accounts for 1907," published at pp. 278-80 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 7th February last, for information as to the changes that have been made in these accounts.

## Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in November, 1907.

### Imports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\*

|   | Month ended 30th November. |              |              | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
|   | 1905.                      | 1906.        | 1907.        |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   |                            |              |              |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..   | £ 5,595,725                | £ 5,353,748  | £ 7,259,249  | + 1,905,501  | + 1,663,524  |
| B. Meat, including animals for food.  | 4,110,998                  | 3,769,972    | 3,587,092    | — 182,890  | — 523,904  |
| C. Other food and drink—  |                            |              |              |  |  |
| 1. Non-dutiable ... ..  | 5,912,406                  | 5,926,054    | 5,993,995    | + 67,981   | + 81,589   |
| 2. Dutiable ... ..  | 4,715,234                  | 4,698,974    | 5,090,472    | + 394,498  | + 375,238  |
| D. Tobacco ... ..   | 318,344                    | 411,480      | 458,534      | + 47,054   | + 140,190  |
| Total, Class I. ... ..  | £ 20,652,705               | £ 20,157,208 | £ 22,389,343 | + 2,232,134  | + 1,736,637  |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles</b>   |                            |              |              |  |  |
| <b>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>   |                            |              |              |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel  | 4,248                      | 4,342        | 432          | — 3,910  | — 3,814  |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...  | 468,220                    | 462,976      | 501,798      | + 38,822   | + 33,578   |
| C. Other metallic ores ... ..   | 657,680                    | 729,847      | 784,371      | + 54,524   | + 136,681  |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..   | 1,810,906                  | 1,923,355    | 2,190,118    | + 266,763  | + 379,212  |
| E. Cotton ... ..  | 6,892,364                  | 9,687,798    | 8,524,039    | — 1,163,759  | + 1,331,675  |
| F. Wool ... ..  | 2,601,133                  | 1,865,080    | 2,744,307    | + 881,227  | + 143,174  |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..   | 1,831,264                  | 2,187,677    | 1,478,237    | — 709,440  | — 353,027  |
| H. Oil seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and gums ... ..   | 1,898,479                  | 2,283,803    | 2,481,753    | + 197,950  | + 583,274  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ... ..   | 731,884                    | 793,953      | 739,251      | — 54,702   | + 7,367  |
| J. Materials for paper making ... ..  | 364,368                    | 347,942      | 434,107      | + 86,165   | + 69,739   |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 2,226,366                  | 2,023,201    | 2,050,436    | + 27,235   | — 175,930  |
| Total, Class II. ... ..   | £ 19,586,920               | £ 22,307,974 | £ 21,928,849 | — 379,125  | + 2,341,929  |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly Manufactured—</b>   |                            |              |              |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..   | 858,636                    | 574,916      | 696,482      | + 121,566  | — 162,154  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures thereof  | 2,698,638                  | 2,623,156    | 2,480,739    | — 147,417  | + 382,101  |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments ... ..                                       | 389,382                    | 350,283      | 370,932      | + 29,649   | — 9,450  |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus (other than machinery and telegraph and telephone wire) ... | 94,844                     | 114,164      | 102,190      | — 11,974   | + 7,346  |
| E. Machinery ... ..   | 412,659                    | 407,842      | 393,301      | — 12,041   | + 17,853   |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..   | 9,691                      | 8,074        | 237          | — 7,837  | — 9,754  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and timber (including furniture) ... ..                               | 182,126                    | 158,420      | 172,418      | + 13,998   | — 9,708  |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—   |                            |              |              |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ... ..  | 636,803                    | 700,769      | 735,880      | + 35,111   | + 93,277   |
| 2. Wool ... ..  | 984,847                    | 821,300      | 773,481      | — 47,839   | + 211,386  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..   | 1,477,340                  | 1,467,131    | 1,438,578    | — 39,553   | — 48,772   |
| I. Apparel ... ..   | 261,403                    | 304,155      | 221,143      | — 83,012   | — 40,260   |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours ... ..  | 803,412                    | 884,200      | 979,547      | + 95,347   | + 174,135  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof (including boots and shoes, and gloves) ... ..            | 1,030,855                  | 1,220,821    | 1,009,343    | — 211,478  | — 21,512   |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..   | 428,787                    | 375,302      | 363,246      | — 12,056   | + 63,511   |
| M. Paper ... ..   | 487,776                    | 476,308      | 486,101      | + 9,793  | — 1,673  |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 2,517,983                  | 2,363,004    | 2,407,808    | — 177,201  | — 110,180  |
| Total, Class III. ... ..  | £ 12,677,262               | £ 13,077,845 | £ 12,632,401 | — 444,914  | — 44,861   |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassified (including Parcel Post) £</b>                           |                            |              |              |  |  |
|   | 219,009                    | 204,552      | 194,507      | — 10,045   | — 24,562   |
| Total value of Imports: £   | 53,145,886                 | 55,747,079   | 57,145,999   | + 1,399,000  | + 4,000,208  |

\* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

Comparing the values of the imports of articles last month with those of November, 1906, the chief increases and decreases are as follows:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in November, 1907.***Increases.**

|    |     | £   |         |      | £                   |                                       |                                |
|----|-----|---|---------|------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| I. | A.  | Wheat ... ..  | 730,849 | II.  | C.                  | Silver ore ... ..                     | 86,491                         |
|    |     | Barley ... ..   | 355,606 |      | D.                  | Wood and timber,<br>hewn ... ..       | 191,786                        |
|    |     | Maize ... ..  | 762,252 |      |                     | Wood and timber,<br>sawn or split ... | 84,428                         |
|    | B.  | Mutton, fresh (in-<br>cluding refrig-<br>erated & frozen) | 79,743  |      |                     | F.                                    | Sheep or lambs'<br>wool ... .. |
|    |     | Hams ... ..   | 55,899  |      | H.                  | Mohair ... ..                         | 159,214                        |
|    |     | Apples, raw ...   | 58,238  |      |                     | Cotton-seed ... ..                    | 148,770                        |
|    | C1. | Grapes ... ..   | 58,111  |      | Linseed ... ..      | 140,787                               |                                |
|    |     | Oranges ... ..  | 139,134 | I.   | Hides, raw, wet ... | 86,517                                |                                |
|    |     | Lard ... ..   | 51,647  |      | J.                  | Pulp of wood,<br>chemical, dry ...    | 58,188                         |
|    | C2. | Potatoes ... ..   | 236,849 | III. | K.                  | Feathers, orna-<br>mental ... ..      | 65,035                         |
|    |     | Cocoa, raw ...  | 123,124 |      | B.                  | Copper, unwrought<br>and part wrought | 824,537                        |
|    |     | Currants, dried ...                                       | 61,891  |      |                     | J.                                    | Chemicals ... ..               |
|    | D.  | Raisins, dried ...  | 100,772 |      |                     |                                       |                                |
|    |     | Sugar, refined, and<br>sugar candy ...                    | 93,136  |      |                     |                                       |                                |
|    |     | Sugar, unrefined...                                       | 94,115  |      |                     |                                       |                                |
|    |     | Tobacco, unmanu-<br>factured ... ..                       | 61,717  |      |                     |                                       |                                |

**Decreases.**

|    |             |  | £   |      |                              |                                    | £                 |         |
|----|-------------|--|---|------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| I. | A.          | Offals of corn and grain, including rice meal ... .. | 57,511  | II.  | E.                           | Raw cotton ... ..                  | 1,162,052         |         |
|    |             | B.   | Cattle ... ..                                 |      | 207,853                      | G.                                 | Jute ... ..       | 691,942 |
|    |             |  | Beef, fresh (including refrigerated & frozen) |      | 87,292                       | H.                                 | Turpentine ... .. | 108,462 |
|    | C1.         | Butter ... ..  | 149,731                                       |      | Tallow & stearine            |                                    | 72,626            |         |
|    |             | Eggs ... ..  | 58,976  | I.   | Goat skins, undressed ... .. | 62,341                             |                   |         |
|    |             | Fish, cured or salted ... ..                         | 100,507                                       |      | B.                           | Tin ... ..                         | 236,584           |         |
|    | C2.         | Hops ... ..  | 90,646  | III. | Hs.                          | Zinc, crude, in cakes              | 80,554            |         |
|    |             | Margarine ... ..                                     | 78,993  |      |                              | Woollen and worsted stuffs...      | 70,092            |         |
|    |             | Tea ... ..   | 50,102  |      | I.                           | Silk manufactures of all sorts ... | 65,695            |         |
|    | Wine ... .. | 97,627   | K.  |      |                              | Apparel, not water-proofed ... ..  | 83,276            |         |
|    |             |  |   |      |                              | Leather ... ..                     | 185,377           |         |

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versâ*, may be noted, viz. :—

|     |      | Increase.                                      | Decrease.                      |
|-----|------|--|--------------------------------|
| I.  | A.   | Wheat ... ..                                   | £730,849 ... 48,500 cwt.       |
|     |      | Wheat meal and flour ...                       | £37,872 ... 121,435 "          |
|     | C1.  | Fish, fresh, not of British<br>taking ... ..   | 4,924 cwt. ... £1,534          |
|     |      | Lemons ... ..                                  | 5,905 " ... £3,338             |
|     | C2.  | Coffee (including roasted or<br>ground) ... .. | 2,639 " ... £4,102             |
|     | D.   | Tobacco, manufactured, and<br>snuff ... ..     | 7,722 lb. ... £14,663          |
|     | G.   | Knubs or husks of silk and<br>waste ... ..     | £5,307 ... 172 cwt.            |
|     | II.  | Petroleum ... ..                               | £39,197 ... 1,148,106 gallons. |
|     |      | Lac-dye, seedlac, &c. ...                      | 156 cwt. ... £15,217           |
|     | K.   | Bristles ... ..                                | £8,223 ... 12,600 lb.          |
|     | B.   | Copper, regulus and precipitate                | 458 tons ... £19,815           |
|     | C.   | Watches ... ..                                 | 18,239 number £13,450          |
|     | III. | Linen yarn ... ..                              | £1,019 ... 171,652 lb.         |
|     |      | Glue, size and gelatine ...                    | £2,998 ... 163 cwt.            |
|     | N.   | Oil cloth ... ..                               | 24,479 sq. yds. £1,434         |
| IV. |      | Stones, slabs, &c. ... ..                      | 9,161 tons ... £1,251          |
|     |      | Horses ... ..                                  | £3,462 ... 62 number           |

## Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in November, 1907.

### III.—EXPORTS.

The following table shows the value of the **Exports** of British produce for the month of November, 1907, as compared with the corresponding month of 1906 and 1905, and the increase or decrease in each principal category:—

#### Exports of Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom.\*

|   | Month ended 30th November. |                   |                   | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (—)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (—)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
|   | 1905.                      | 1906.             | 1907.             |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   |                            |                   |                   |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..   | 216,109                    | 237,011           | 302,608           | +  | 56,490   |
| B. Meat, including animals for food   | 119,353                    | 131,764           | 122,689           | —  | 5,336  |
| C. Other food and drink ... ..  | 1,736,937                  | 1,831,774         | 1,969,474         | +  | 132,537  |
| D. Tobacco ... ..   | 89,437                     | 101,694           | 123,375           | +  | 33,638   |
| <b>Total, Class I. ... £</b>  | <b>2,191,836</b>           | <b>2,322,243</b>  | <b>2,418,146</b>  | <b>+</b>   | <b>226,310</b>   |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles<br/>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>                                      |                            |                   |                   |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke and manufactured fuel   | 2,171,582                  | 2,644,240         | 3,921,289         | +  | 1,749,707  |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...   | 32,650                     | 50,187            | 34,161            | —  | 1,511  |
| C. Other metallic ores ... ..   | 5,526                      | 18,761            | 14,734            | —  | 9,298  |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..   | 6,022                      | 6,646             | 9,997             | +  | 3,975  |
| E. Cotton ... ..  | —                          | —                 | —                 | —  | —  |
| F. Wool ... ..  | 237,286                    | 303,882           | 246,695           | —  | 9,379  |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..   | 8,615                      | 10,432            | 10,992            | +  | 2,377  |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats and<br>gums ... ..   | 253,863                    | 270,530           | 354,612           | +  | 100,747  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ...  | 163,111                    | 143,559           | 145,667           | —  | 17,444   |
| J. Materials for paper making ...   | 47,247                     | 64,223            | 55,641            | —  | 8,394  |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 200,389                    | 197,805           | 225,319           | +  | 24,930   |
| <b>Total, Class II. ... £</b>   | <b>3,126,293</b>           | <b>3,710,265</b>  | <b>5,019,077</b>  | <b>+</b>   | <b>1,892,784</b>   |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly<br/>Manufactured—</b>   |                            |                   |                   |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..  | 2,945,688                  | 4,026,315         | 3,601,357         | —  | 745,460  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..  | 822,638                    | 968,351           | 807,658           | —  | 14,960   |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements<br>and instruments ... ..  | 481,250                    | 517,243           | 547,529           | +  | 66,270   |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus<br>(other than machinery and tele-<br>graph and telephone wire) ... | 436,040                    | 175,674           | 128,688           | —  | 307,352  |
| E. Machinery ... ..   | 2,134,687                  | 2,431,560         | 2,804,399         | +  | 669,712  |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..   | 370,702                    | 268,094           | 480,887           | +  | 110,185  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and tim-<br>ber (including furniture) ...                                     | 135,845                    | 129,541           | 134,024           | +  | 1,821  |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—<br>1. Cotton ... ..   | 7,900,126                  | 8,304,579         | 9,516,624         | +  | 1,616,400  |
| 2. Wool ... ..  | 2,267,019                  | 2,357,825         | 2,440,286         | +  | 173,267  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..   | 1,192,819                  | 1,411,795         | 1,389,851         | —  | 96,533   |
| I. Apparel ... ..   | 532,901                    | 522,357           | 589,709           | +  | 6,606  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and<br>colours ... ..   | 1,262,811                  | 1,360,483         | 1,374,360         | +  | 111,549  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof<br>(including boots and shoes, and<br>gloves) ... ..              | 560,172                    | 644,145           | 557,429           | —  | 2,743  |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..   | 305,628                    | 348,018           | 355,356           | +  | 49,728   |
| M. Paper ... ..   | 168,693                    | 189,933           | 192,562           | +  | 25,590   |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..   | 2,270,594                  | 2,690,148         | 2,932,551         | +  | 691,557  |
| <b>Total, Class III. ... £</b>  | <b>23,788,222</b>          | <b>26,346,061</b> | <b>27,812,830</b> | <b>+</b>   | <b>4,024,596</b>   |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi-<br/>fied (including Parcel Post) £</b>                             | <b>501,798</b>             | <b>596,593</b>    | <b>612,133</b>    | <b>+</b>   | <b>110,385</b>   |
| <b>Total value ... ..</b>   | <b>£29,608,149</b>         | <b>32,975,163</b> | <b>35,963,176</b> | <b>+</b>   | <b>6,264,937</b>   |

#### Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\*

|                    | £         | £         | £         | £           | £         |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Total value ... .. | 6,692,958 | 7,292,661 | 6,131,717 | — 1,160,944 | — 561,341 |

\* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship, and are known as the "free on board" values.

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in November, 1907.*

Comparing the values of the exports of the principal and other articles of the produce and manufacture of the United Kingdom in November, 1907, with those of November, 1906, the chief increases and decreases are as follows :—

|      |      | Increases.   | £         |
|------|------|--|-----------|
| II.  | A.   | Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel ... ..                           | 1,277,049 |
|      |      | Steam engines ... ..   | 57,114    |
|      | E.   | Machinery and millwork: not steam engines or electrical ... ..     | 316,395   |
|      | F.   | Ships, new ... ..  | 212,793   |
| III. |      | Cotton yarn ... ..   | 436,009   |
|      | H.1  | " piece-goods ... ..   | 632,704   |
|      |      | " thread, for sewing ... ..  | 116,885   |
|      | N.   | Railway trucks, wagons, &c. (not of iron) and parts thereof ... .. | 75,727    |
|      |      | Decreases.   | £         |
| III. | A.   | Iron and steel and manufactures thereof ... ..                     | 334,958   |
|      | B.   | Copper, unwrought and wrought ... ..                               | 77,625    |
|      | B.s. | Linen piece-goods ... ..   | 56,726    |
|      | K.   | Leather, unwrought ... ..  | 90,179    |

The following instances of increase in value combined with decrease in quantity, or *vice versa*, may be noted, viz. :—

|      |      | Increase.   | Decrease.          |
|------|------|---|--------------------|
| I.   | A.   | Bran and pollard ... .. £3,529                              | 5,090 cwt.         |
|      |      | Cattle ... .. 130 number                                    | £3,640             |
|      | B.   | Sheep and lambs ... .. 81                                   | £11,212            |
|      |      | Meat ... .. £5,285  | 618 cwt.           |
| II.  | C.   | Ores, other than iron ore ... .. 225 tons                   | £4,027             |
|      | H.   | Oil seed ... .. £15,799                                     | 26 tons.           |
|      | B.   | Tin, unwrought ... .. 73 tons                               | £22,339            |
|      | C.   | Hardware ... .. £15,682                                     | 232 cwt.           |
|      |      | Jute yarn ... .. 329,300 lb.                                | £4,377             |
|      | H.s. | Linen yarn ... .. £5,392                                    | 50,900 lb.         |
|      |      | Linen thread for sewing ... .. £1,565                       | 3,300 "            |
|      | J.   | Bleaching materials ... .. £2,975                           | 11 cwt.            |
|      |      | Manure, chemical ... .. £11,133                             | 6,056 tons         |
| III. | L.   | China ware and earthenware ... .. £4,080                    | 55,761 cwt.        |
|      |      | Books, printed ... .. £7,945                                | 801 "              |
|      |      | Cement, for building and engineering purposes ... .. £3,067 | 3,101 tons         |
|      | N.   | Oil cloth ... .. £16,107                                    | 121,200 sq. yards. |
|      |      | Skins and furs, dressed ... .. £1,322                       | 8,488 number.      |

#### IV.—TRADE DURING THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1907.

The following table shows the value of the Imports of foreign and colonial merchandise during the eleven months ended 30th November, 1907, as compared with the corresponding periods for 1906 and 1905 :—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in November, 1907.***Imports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|   | Eleven months ended<br>30th November. |               |               | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
|   | 1905.                                 | 1906.         | 1907.         |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>   |                                       |               |               |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ...  | £ 63,480,816                          | £ 63,069,555  | £ 69,573,718  | + 6,484,161  | + 6,082,900  |
| B. Meat, including animals for food   | 44,856,348                            | 47,864,877    | 47,858,328    | — 6,549  | + 3,001,780  |
| C. Other food and drink—  |                                       |               |               |  |  |
| 1. Non-dutiable ...   | 57,884,919                            | 63,089,100    | 61,861,986    | — 1,237,164  | + 4,477,017  |
| 2. Dutiable ...   | 42,063,039                            | 40,742,306    | 48,697,519    | + 2,955,213  | + 1,684,480  |
| D. Tobacco ...  | 3,427,682                             | 4,270,367     | 3,657,427     | — 612,940  | + 229,795  |
| Total, Class I. ...   | £ 211,212,954                         | £ 219,066,205 | £ 226,648,986 | + 7,582,721  | + 15,435,972   |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles<br/>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>                                      |                                       |               |               |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke and manufactured fuel   | 39,944                                | 34,940        | 20,380        | — 14,560   | — 19,564   |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron and steel ...   | 5,024,606                             | 6,190,760     | 6,866,837     | + 676,067  | + 1,842,221  |
| C. Other metallic ores ...  | 6,843,190                             | 8,236,702     | 9,458,554     | + 1,221,852  | + 2,614,864  |
| D. Wood and timber ...  | 21,764,822                            | 25,829,001    | 25,394,914    | — 504,087  | + 3,560,092  |
| E. Cotton ...   | 44,301,555                            | 46,832,637    | 61,212,333    | + 14,379,696   | + 16,910,778   |
| F. Wool ...   | 24,411,267                            | 27,862,636    | 33,074,221    | + 5,211,586  | + 8,662,954  |
| G. Other textile materials ...  | 12,570,438                            | 14,238,702    | 16,236,638    | + 1,998,936  | + 3,663,220  |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and<br>gums ...   | 21,581,922                            | 23,615,149    | 28,522,487    | + 4,907,298  | + 6,940,515  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ...  | 7,388,056                             | 9,977,196     | 10,013,419    | + 36,223   | + 2,625,363  |
| J. Materials for paper making ...   | 3,474,582                             | 3,548,287     | 3,814,256     | + 265,969  | + 339,674  |
| K. Miscellaneous ...  | 20,549,699                            | 22,221,721    | 23,679,023    | + 1,657,302  | + 3,329,128  |
| Total, Class II. ...  | £ 167,950,277                         | £ 188,587,730 | £ 218,421,522 | + 29,833,792   | + 50,471,245   |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly<br/>Manufactured—</b>   |                                       |               |               |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures<br>thereof ...   | 7,628,411                             | 7,809,669     | 6,479,903     | — 1,329,766  | — 1,148,506  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures<br>thereof ...   | 19,571,977                            | 25,342,706    | 26,832,790    | + 1,490,084  | + 7,260,813  |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements<br>and instruments ...   | 3,261,192                             | 3,411,933     | 3,661,257     | + 249,324  | + 400,065  |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus<br>(other than machinery and tele-<br>graph and telephone wire) ... | 915,321                               | 1,092,698     | 1,145,878     | + 53,182   | + 230,557  |
| E. Machinery ...  | 4,192,670                             | 4,754,316     | 4,909,067     | + 154,651  | + 716,397  |
| F. Ships (new) ...  | 31,510                                | 28,372        | 26,855        | — 1,517  | — 4,655  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and tim-<br>ber (including furniture) ...                                     | 1,803,209                             | 1,868,749     | 1,757,209     | — 111,540  | — 46,000   |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—   |                                       |               |               |  |  |
| 1. Cotton ...   | 7,242,288                             | 8,610,981     | 8,793,182     | + 182,201  | + 1,550,794  |
| 2. Wool ...   | 11,610,542                            | 11,245,298    | 10,084,299    | — 1,161,094  | — 1,578,243  |
| 3. Other materials ...  | 17,849,828                            | 18,655,546    | 19,351,326    | + 695,780  | + 1,501,506  |
| I. Apparel ...  | 3,705,370                             | 3,845,176     | 3,895,235     | — 149,691  | — 310,065  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and<br>colours ...  | 8,831,060                             | 9,262,680     | 10,695,818    | + 1,433,133  | + 1,864,733  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof<br>(including boots and shoes, and<br>gloves) ...                 | 10,023,050                            | 11,821,100    | 10,562,109    | — 1,258,991  | + 539,059  |
| L. Earthenware and glass ...  | 3,883,845                             | 3,672,774     | 3,666,492     | — 166,282  | — 197,351  |
| M. Paper ...  | 4,771,340                             | 5,253,442     | 5,152,060     | — 101,382  | + 380,720  |
| N. Miscellaneous ...  | 25,620,751                            | 26,679,386    | 26,176,961    | — 702,585  | + 556,100  |
| Total, Class III. ...   | £ 130,942,482                         | £ 143,454,719 | £ 142,660,386 | — 794,333  | + 11,717,904   |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi-<br/>fied (including Parcel Post) ...</b>                           |                                       |               |               |  |  |
|   | 2,652,488                             | 2,266,685     | 2,180,802     | — 85,683   | + 128,314  |
| Total ...   | £ 12,152,201                          | £ 12,577,379  | £ 12,599,116  | + 26,586,297   | + 77,753,435   |

\* The values of the Imports represent the cost, insurance, and freight; or when goods are consigned for sale, the latest sale value of such goods.

The value of the Exports of home produce, also of foreign and colonial produce, during the eleven months ended 30th November, 1907, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1906 and 1905, is as shown in the following table:—

*Foreign Trade of the United Kingdom in November, 1907.***Exports of Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom.\***

|  | Eleven Months ended<br>30th November. |             |             | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1906. | Increase (+)<br>or<br>Decrease (-)<br>in 1907<br>as compared<br>with 1905. |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
|  | 1905.                                 | 1906.       | 1907.       |  |  |
| <b>I.—Food, Drink, and Tobacco—</b>  |                                       |             |             |  |  |
| A. Grain and flour ... ..  | 2,533,967                             | 2,357,866   | 2,841,491   | +  | 493,615  |
| B. Meat, including animals for food...   | 815,798                               | 1,219,804   | 1,214,851   | —  | 4,953  |
| C. Other food and drink ... ..   | 13,493,565                            | 14,838,120  | 15,682,747  | +  | 824,627  |
| D. Tobacco ... ..  | 898,316                               | 966,580     | 1,147,001   | +  | 180,421  |
| Total, Class I. ... ..   | £ 17,741,646                          | 19,402,370  | 20,886,080  | +  | 1,483,710  |
| <b>II.—Raw Materials and Articles</b>  |                                       |             |             |  |  |
| <b>Mainly Unmanufactured—</b>  |                                       |             |             |  |  |
| A. Coal, coke, and manufactured fuel   | 23,868,088                            | 29,008,229  | 38,437,749  | +  | 9,421,520  |
| B. Iron ore, scrap iron, and steel ...   | 428,170                               | 540,840     | 547,701     | +  | 6,861  |
| C. Other metallic ores ... ..  | 104,949                               | 155,430     | 178,070     | +  | 23,040   |
| D. Wood and timber ... ..  | 71,636                                | 83,642      | 108,030     | +  | 19,388   |
| E. Cotton ... ..   | —                                     | —           | —           | —  | —  |
| F. Wool ... ..   | 2,325,741                             | 2,638,776   | 3,077,203   | +  | 438,427  |
| G. Other textile materials ... ..  | 146,744                               | 183,505     | 206,406     | +  | 53,901   |
| H. Oil-seeds, nuts, oils, fats, and<br>gums ... ..   | 2,582,068                             | 2,589,073   | 3,173,611   | +  | 583,538  |
| I. Hides and undressed skins ... ..  | 1,084,873                             | 2,055,742   | 1,712,112   | —  | 343,630  |
| J. Materials for paper making ... ..   | 492,125                               | 654,863     | 702,306     | +  | 47,342   |
| K. Miscellaneous ... ..  | 1,761,324                             | 1,860,916   | 2,376,582   | +  | 515,666  |
| Total, Class II. ... ..  | £ 38,265,788                          | 49,740,915  | 56,513,069  | +  | 10,773,054   |
| <b>III.—Articles Wholly or Mainly<br/>Manufactured—</b>  |                                       |             |             |  |  |
| A. Iron and steel and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..   | 29,153,627                            | 36,366,027  | 48,436,490  | +  | 7,630,463  |
| B. Other metals and manufactures<br>thereof ... ..   | 8,141,357                             | 9,262,253   | 10,975,717  | +  | 1,713,464  |
| C. Cutlery, hardware, implements<br>and instruments ... ..   | 4,670,238                             | 5,387,146   | 5,935,554   | +  | 548,408  |
| D. Electrical goods and apparatus<br>(other than machinery and tele-<br>graph and telephone wire) ... .. | 2,333,214                             | 2,289,176   | 2,360,251   | +  | 121,075  |
| E. Machinery ... ..  | 21,140,838                            | 24,400,081  | 29,011,565  | +  | 4,611,484  |
| F. Ships (new) ... ..  | 5,157,187                             | 8,211,837   | 9,528,873   | +  | 1,317,036  |
| G. Manufactures of wood and<br>timber (including furniture) ... ..                                       | 1,118,916                             | 1,163,496   | 1,291,212   | +  | 107,716  |
| H. Yarns and textile fabrics—<br>1. Cotton ... ..  | 83,635,643                            | 91,231,876  | 101,615,474 | +  | 10,383,598   |
| 2. Wool ... ..   | 26,604,955                            | 29,168,092  | 31,605,114  | +  | 2,436,122  |
| 3. Other materials ... ..  | 11,961,381                            | 13,611,425  | 15,323,503  | +  | 1,712,078  |
| I. Apparel ... ..  | 5,539,908                             | 6,296,443   | 6,671,776   | +  | 376,333  |
| J. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and<br>colours ... ..  | 13,403,306                            | 14,248,279  | 15,812,035  | +  | 1,568,756  |
| K. Leather and manufactures thereof<br>(including boots and shoes and<br>gloves) ... ..                  | 5,150,565                             | 5,864,239   | 6,107,335   | +  | 243,096  |
| L. Earthenware and glass ... ..  | 2,944,128                             | 3,362,897   | 3,738,461   | +  | 375,564  |
| M. Paper ... ..  | 1,789,779                             | 1,896,320   | 2,182,863   | +  | 286,543  |
| N. Miscellaneous ... ..  | 23,181,548                            | 27,282,508  | 30,771,166  | +  | 3,488,658  |
| Total, Class III. ... ..   | £ 245,946,533                         | 280,041,995 | 316,327,889 | +  | 36,285,391   |
| <b>IV.—Miscellaneous and Unclassi-<br/>fied (including Parcel Post) £</b>                                |                                       |             |             |  |  |
| Total ... ..   | £ 4,417,356                           | 5,079,358   | 5,736,322   | +  | 656,964  |
| Total ... ..   | £ 301,371,378                         | 344,263,788 | 393,463,800 | +  | 49,199,122   |

**Exports of Foreign and Colonial Merchandise.\***

|                    | £          | £          | £          | £ | £         |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|---|-----------|
| Total value ... .. | 70,705,412 | 77,357,633 | 83,253,109 | + | 7,904,516 |

\* The values of the Exports represent the cost and the charges of delivering the goods on board the ship and are known as the "free on board" values.

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**V.—SHIPPING IN NOVEMBER, 1907.**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes, during November, 1907, amounted to 3,402,010 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 5,038,215 tons, as against 3,395,644 tons entered, and 4,719,704 tons cleared during November, 1906. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during November, 1907, amounted to 2,561,228 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 2,533,661 tons, as against 2,707,484 tons entered, and 2,677,917 tons cleared in November, 1906.

**VI.—ELEVEN MONTHS' SHIPPING (JANUARY-NOVEMBER).**

The tonnage of vessels entered at ports in the United Kingdom from foreign countries and British possessions, with cargoes during the eleven months ended 30th November, 1907, amounted to 37,946,189 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 53,021,348 tons, as against 38,544,524 tons entered and 50,075,385 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1906. With regard to the coasting trade, the tonnage entered with cargoes during the eleven months ended 30th November, 1907, amounted to 28,696,973 tons, and the tonnage cleared to 28,351,832 tons, as against 30,205,892 tons entered and 29,798,830 tons cleared during the corresponding period of 1906.

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**REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS IN MEXICO.**

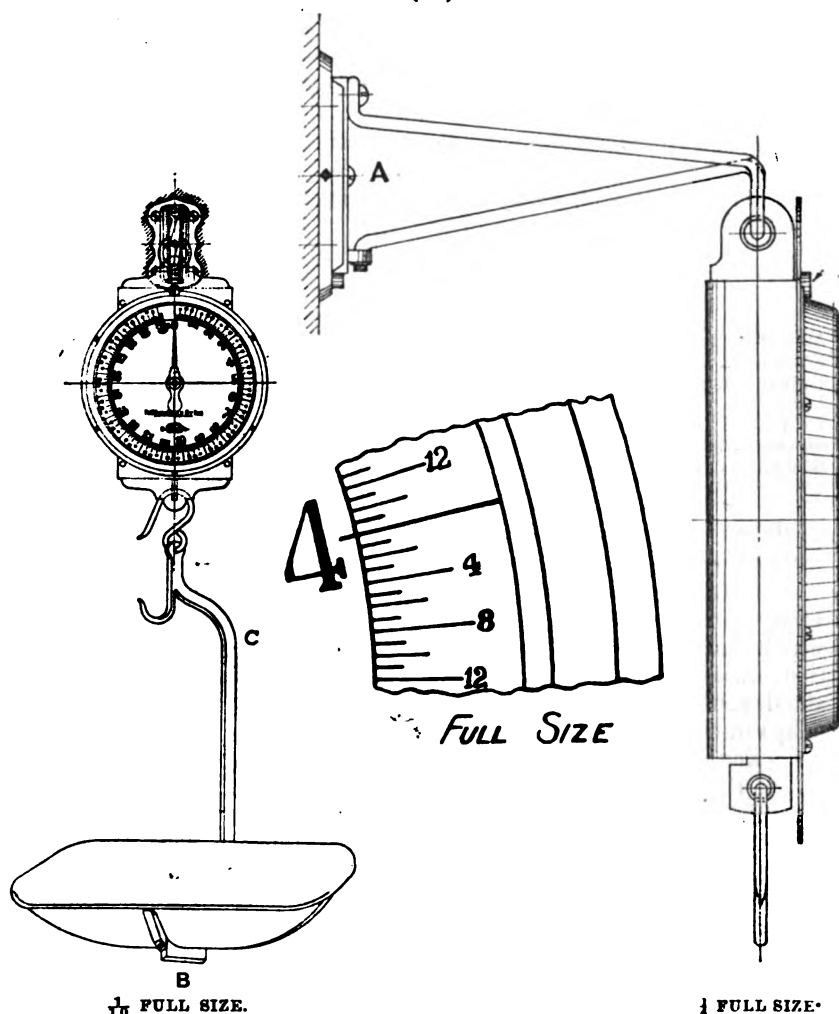
In view of the manufacture and sale in Mexico of imitations of various British products, under the original names and trade marks, the Acting British Consul at Mexico City (Mr. H. W. Wilson) calls attention to the necessity of British merchants registering their trade marks in that country and of fully complying with Article 9 of the Mexican Law of Industrial and Commercial Marks, a copy of which, with a translation of the more important articles, may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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# NOTICE UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1904.

The following is a copy of a Notice (No. 58) giving the result of the examination and testing of a weighing instrument for use in trade that has been submitted to the Board of Trade under the provisions of Section 6 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904:—

(58)



A. Screw which must be removed before sliding piece can be taken out of bracket.

B. Balancing box screwed on to pan support by two screws.

C. Detachable pan support.

The Board of Trade have examined and tested a pattern of a circular spring balance (capacity 20 lb. by ounces) of the form herewith shown, and have issued a certificate under the provisions of Section 6 of the above Act that the pattern is not such as to facilitate the perpetration of fraud. The goods pan is below the spring, and the balance is provided with means for permanent suspension.

## READY-MADE CLOTHING TRADE IN EGYPT.

The following particulars of the ready-made clothing trade in Egypt are extracted from the "Journal of the British Chamber of Commerce of Egypt":—

The statistics dealing with the imports of ready-made clothing into Egypt during the past five years clearly demonstrate that the trade is steadily increasing in volume year by year, and that Great Britain has only a very insignificant share of the market, despite the fact that she ranks third on the list of competing countries. It will also be observed that whilst Austria does 65 per cent. of the trade, her nearest rival (France) is credited with only 16·7 per cent.

### Imports of Ready-Made Clothing into Egypt.

| —                   | 1902.   | 1903.   | 1904.   | 1905.   | 1906.   |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                     | £ E.    | £ E.    | £ E.    | £ E.    | £ E.    |
| Austria-Hungary ... | 144,471 | 186,447 | 201,526 | 218,044 | 230,093 |
| France ...          | 23,459  | 43,412  | 45,650  | 56,409  | 59,139  |
| United Kingdom ...  | 21,112  | 22,341  | 22,238  | 27,610  | 39,588  |
| Turkey ...          | 7,015   | 7,911   | 11,020  | 9,833   | 10,424  |
| Italy ..            | 1,279   | 2,343   | 3,455   | 3,045   | 2,908   |
| Germany ...         | 1,918   | 2,031   | 4,329   | 5,000   | 4,706   |
| Belgium ...         | 838     | 1,014   | 1,298   | 1,426   | 1,587   |
| Other countries ... | 2,712   | 2,542   | 3,408   | 4,346   | 4,952   |
| Total ...           | 202,804 | 268,071 | 292,924 | 325,713 | 353,397 |

A feature in favour of *Austria* is the fact that the trade in Egypt is more or less in the hands of three or four big firms, which have houses in Vienna, and so import direct. They have their own branches in the larger Egyptian towns, and, it is understood, some of them are also interested in the smaller clothing shops in the villages. The combination is so strong that, although both England and Germany have attempted to get a footing, the efforts they have made in this direction have so far been unsuccessful.

It must also be remembered that *Austria* has been in the Egyptian clothing trade for the last 40 or 50 years, and therefore thoroughly understands the requirements of the market. Her Government, too, encourages the industry as far as possible by waiving all import duties on materials brought into the country and afterwards exported in the form of clothing.

The main centre for the trade in *Austria* is Vienna, with some 35 villages in the neighbourhood. After the goods are finished they are packed for export in strong wooden cases, each some 1·20 metres (47 inches) long by 1 metre (39 inches) high, and costing about 5s. 6d. The cases (which are sometimes lined with water-proof paper) usually contain clothes to the value of about £E 100.

The following is the range of retail prices in Alexandria for *Austrian* ready-made clothing:—

### *Ready-made Clothing Trade in Egypt.*

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Men's suits for summer wear, from ...                                       | 15 to 70 francs.             |
| Boys' suits                   "                   "                   " ... | 7 to 40                   "  |
| Men's suits for winter wear                   "                   " ...     | 25 to 80                   " |
| Boys' suits                   "                   "                   " ... | 15 to 45                   " |
| Long overcoats for men                   "                   " ...          | 24 to 80                   " |

England supplies Austria with a very large part of the raw material, such as serge, black alpaca, tennis flannel, and the cloths for the very cheapest class of goods. Practically the whole of the khaki used by Austria comes from England. *Apropos* of khaki, a prominent firm in Egypt recently estimated that the Egyptian Government takes about one million yards of it per annum in connexion with the uniforms for the army, police, coastguards, railways, and so forth. Although some of the contracts go to Austria, the whole of the raw material is supplied by England.

*France.*—The principal imports are the more expensive clothes for ladies. France also sends the very cheapest form of workmen's clothing, such as smocks, &c.

*Germany.*—Germany has made sundry attempts to secure a share of the trade, but without much result. She does a little through commission agents, but she cannot compete with the cheap Austrian labour.

*Turkey.*—The cheapest imported goods, made without much regard for cut, workmanship and materials employed, come from Turkey, the chief centres being Smyrna and Constantinople. It is stated that the cloth used for the goods in question is mainly supplied by England, but the fact remains that clothes can be sent to Egypt at such a price that even Austria cannot compete.

*Local.*—The remarks last made apply with even greater force to the goods turned out by the numerous small tailors who abound in Alexandria and Cairo. These men, for example, can turn out a full length overcoat at about 8s. and sell it in their shops for 10s. The account works out thus:—

|   |       |    |
|---|-------|----|
| 2½ yards of English material at 1s. 10d. a yard ... | s.    | d. |
| Linings and buttons ...                             | 4     | 7  |
| Workmen ...   | 1     | 5  |
|   | 2     | 0  |
|   | <hr/> |    |
|   | 8     | 0  |

*General.*—At the present time the double-breasted coats having two or three buttons are the ones mainly in vogue in Egypt amongst purchasers of ready-made clothing. The coats have two inside pockets but no breast ones. The goods are made in all colours with patterns. A single colour cloth with no design on it is not much good to the Arabs, who, by the way, are the largest buyers.

## TRADE OF SWITZERLAND IN 1906.

The following particulars are extracted from a preliminary report on the trade of Switzerland for the year 1906, that has been forwarded by the British Vice-Consul at Zurich (Mr. J. C. Milligan):—

The new Swiss Customs Tariff came into operation on 1st January, 1906. Owing to the remodelling of the statistics upon the basis of the new tariff, which increased to a very considerable extent the number of duties leviable, it has been in some instances difficult to make a comparison between the trade done in 1906 and that of the previous year. The statistical results, however, clearly show a material increase both in the production and in the purchasing power of Switzerland, and that the country has kept pace with the development of commerce and industry in other parts of the world.

There has been a marked development in the watch making, machinery, and embroidery and other textile industries, both in the home and foreign markets, and at the close of the year many branches of industry had contracts still on hand for delivery in 1907.

The following comparative table for the years 1905 and 1906 shows the respective values of the imports and exports (special trade):—

|                              | Imports.   |            | Exports.   |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                              | 1905.      | 1906.      | 1905.      | 1906.      |
|                              | £          | £          | £          | £          |
| Raw materials ... ..         | 19,150,700 | 23,598,000 | 4,333,000  | 5,263,200  |
| Foodstuffs ... ..            | 16,450,800 | 15,590,400 | 5,131,000  | 5,919,400  |
| Manufactured articles ... .. | 19,592,500 | 19,574,000 | 29,308,800 | 31,812,100 |
| Total (excluding specie)...  | 55,194,000 | 58,762,400 | 38,772,800 | 42,994,700 |

The imports of manufactured goods in 1906 from all countries show a slight decrease in value as compared with the previous year (1905, 19,592,500*l.*; 1906, 19,574,000*l.*), and in the weight a decrease of upwards of 35,000 tons, but this reduction is explained by the fact that the imports of 1905 reached abnormal dimensions owing to the general desire to replenish stocks before the operation of the new tariff.

The share of the United Kingdom in the imports into Switzerland of all classes of goods in 1906 amounted to 3,348,500*l.*, as compared with 2,752,100*l.* in the previous year, thus showing an increase of 596,400*l.* In dividing these imports under the three chief divisions, the proportion was as follows:—

*Trade of Switzerland in 1906.***Imports from the United Kingdom.**

| —                            | 1905.     | 1906.     | Increase. | Decrease. |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                              | £         | £         | £         | £         |
| Raw materials... ..          | 558,700   | 751,600   | 192,900   | —         |
| Foodstuffs ... ..            | 47,200    | 44,900    | —         | 2,300     |
| Manufactured articles ... .. | 2,146,200 | 2,552,000 | 405,800   | —         |
| Total ... ..                 | 2,752,100 | 3,348,500 | 598,700   | 2,300     |

The principal articles under the category of raw materials imported from the United Kingdom were:—Raw iron, 465,000*l.*; copper, tin and other non-precious metals, 124,000*l.*; gold and silver, not worked, 31,000*l.*; and coal, 36,000*l.*

The chief articles under the category of foodstuffs were:—Fish (fresh, salted and dried), 16,000*l.* (total imports 211,000*l.*); fruit preserves, confectionery, &c., 10,000*l.* (total imports 35,000*l.*); preserved meats and extracts of meat, 4,000*l.* (total imports 133,000*l.*).

The value of the imports of manufactures from the United Kingdom amounted to 2,552,000*l.*, or an increase of 406,000*l.* on the imports in 1905. This increase is, however, solely due to the continual growth in the imports of British cotton yarns and textiles, and if the value of these be deducted, the total imports of all other manufactures show a decline in value, as indicated in the following summary:—

**Imports of Manufactured Goods from the United Kingdom.**

| —                             | 1905.     | 1906.     | —                  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
|                               | £         | £         |                    |
| Cotton yarns and textiles ... | 1,242,000 | 1,688,000 | Increase: £446,000 |
| All other manufactures ...    | 904,000   | 864,000   | Decrease: £40,000  |

The imports of cotton yarns and textiles from the United Kingdom in 1906 were 64 per cent. of the total imports under that category. The total value of the imports of manufactures other than cotton goods from the United Kingdom amounted only to 864,000*l.*, as compared with 16,938,000*l.* imported from all countries.

The following classes show a material increase in the value imported from the United Kingdom in 1906, as compared with that of 1905:—

*Trade of Switzerland in 1906.*

| Description.   | Value.           |                   |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
|  | Imports in 1906. | Increase on 1905. |
|  | £                | £                 |
| Cotton yarns and goods ... ..  | 1,688,500        | 446,000           |
| Leather goods ... ..   | 69,400           | 17,500            |
| Chemicals ... ..   | 68,400           | 2,000             |
| Ready-made articles of clothing ... ..   | 62,400           | 6,000             |
| Glass, pottery and porcelain ... ..  | 23,200           | 3,000             |
| Paper and paper goods ... ..   | 22,200           | 6,000             |
| Straw and indiarubber goods ... ..   | 21,200           | 2,000             |
| Goods of metals other than iron ... ..   | 13,300           | 5,000             |
| Books, pictures, photographs, writing materials, toys, scientific and musical instruments ... .. | 34,300           | 12,000            |

A decrease in the imports from the United Kingdom occurred in the following :—

| Description.                     | Value.           |                   |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                  | Imports in 1906. | Decrease on 1905. |
|                                  | £                | £                 |
| Woollen yarns and goods ... ..   | 328,300          | 20,000            |
| Machinery and vehicles ... ..    | 72,000           | 63,000            |
| Flax, hemp and jute goods ... .. | 61,300           | 4,000             |
| Ironware ... ..                  | 30,000           | 5,000             |

The total export trade in 1906 amounted in round figures to 42,995,000*l.*, an increase of 4,222,000*l.* on the previous year. By far the greater part of this total consists of manufactured articles; in 1906 the total value of manufactures amounted to 31,812,000*l.*, being 74 per cent. of the entire exports.

Next to Germany, the United Kingdom continues to be the principal market for Switzerland's manufactures, taking last year goods to the value of 5,896,400*l.*

The principal manufactures comprised in these exports to the United Kingdom were as follows :—

Silk goods, 2,981,000*l.* (a slight increase on the exports of 1905); cotton goods, 1,812,000*l.* (an increase of 77,000*l.*); and watches, 703,000*l.* (an increase of 50,000*l.*). The exports to the United Kingdom of condensed milk were 596,000*l.* (a decrease of 30,000*l.*), and of chocolate, 508,000*l.* (an increase of 42,000*l.*).

## PROPOSED CONTINUATION BY GERMANY OF MOST-FAVoured-NATION TREATMENT.

With reference to the notice on p. 594 of the "Journal" for 28th December, 1905, respecting the commercial relations between this country and Germany, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a Bill recently presented to the Reichstag empowering the Federal Council to grant to the subjects and products of the United Kingdom and British Colonies and Foreign Possessions, for two years from 1st January next, such advantages as are granted by the German Empire to the subjects and products of the most favoured nation.

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

Information has been received from the Representative of the Commonwealth in London to the effect that the following items in the new Customs Tariff, now under consideration by the Commonwealth House of Representatives, have been amended so as to read as in the annexed table:—

| Tariff Item.         | Articles.   | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| <b>DIVISION VI.</b>  |   |                 |   |
| 161                  | Tanners' measuring machines ...ad val.<br>[Note.—These machines have been added to this item, for which see "Board of Trade Journal" for 5th December, 1907, p. 462.] | 20 %*           | 20 %*   |
| 186                  | Barbed wire ... ..ad val.   | \$15 %          | 10 %§   |
| <b>DIVISION VII.</b> |   |                 |   |
| 231                  | Graphite or plumbago, black lead, and foundry black, in the bulk ...ad val.   | 20 %†           | 20 %†   |
| 234                  | Oils—<br>In vessels not exceeding one gallon, viz.—   |                 |   |
|                      | (a) Quarter pints and smaller sizes ... .. per doz.   | 1s.†            | 9d.†  |
|                      | (b) Half pints and over quarter pints ... .. per doz.   | 2s.†            | 1s. 6d.†  |
|                      | (c) Pints and over a half pint per doz.   | 4s.†            | 3s.†  |
|                      | (d) Quarts and over a pint per doz.   | 8s.†            | 6s.†  |
|                      | (e) Over a quart ... per doz  | 2s. 8d.†        | 2s.†  |

\* With effect from 27th November, 1907.

† With effect from 3rd December, 1907.

§ Revised rates. Those given in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 5th December last were cabled in error by the Commonwealth Government.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General<br>Tariff. | Tariff on goods<br>the produce or<br>manufacture of<br>the United<br>Kingdom. |
|--------------|---|--------------------|---|
|              | <b>DIVISION VII.—continued.</b>   |                    |   |
|              | <i>Oils—continued.</i>  |                    |   |
|              | In vessels exceeding one gallon—  |                    |   |
|              | (o) Kerosene and other refined petroleum oils, in packages less than 10 gallons in content ...  | Free†              | Free†   |
|              | [The sub-items (f) to (n) and (p) were passed unaltered.]   |                    |   |
| 235          | Oils in bulk or otherwise, viz.—  |                    |   |
|              | Pitch tar oil; cloth oil; pine oil, including rosin oil, fir tree; unrefined fish oils; China oil, when denatured as prescribed by departmental bye-law; seal, whale, penguin, petroleum (crude); degreas; sod; mirbane and turpentine ...  | Free†              | Free†   |
| 236          | Paints and colours, viz.—   |                    |   |
|              | (a) Ground in liquid ...  | 5s. 4d.†           | 3s. 6d.†  |
|              | (b) Prepared for use, including tatoo oil ... per cwt. or ad val.   | 6s.†<br>20 %†      | 5s. 3d.†<br>15 %†   |
|              | Whichever rate returns the higher duty.   |                    |   |
|              | (bb) Ship's antifouling composition ...   | 4s. 6d.†           | 4s.†  |
|              | (c) Colours, dry, n.e.l. ...  | 2s. 6d.†           | 2s.†  |
|              | (d) Dry white lead; patent dryers and the like; and putty per cwt.  | 2s.†               | 1s. 6d.†  |
|              | (e) Barytes (transferred to item 239).  |                    |   |
| 237          | Varnishes; varnish and oil stains; lacquers; enamels; enamel paints and glosses; Japans; Berlin and Brunswick blacks and stoving; liquid sizes; patent knotting; oil and wood finishes; petrifying liquids; damp-wall compositions; lithographic varnish; printer's ink reducer; terebine; liquid dryers; and gold size per gall. | 2s. 6d.†           | 2s.†  |
| 238          | Liquid removers of paint and varnish ad val.  | 5 %†               | Free†   |
| 239          | Barytes ... [This article is added to the original item, which, thus amended, was passed.]  | 5 %†               | Free†   |
|              | <b>DIVISION VIII.</b>   |                    |   |
| 241          | China, parian and porcelain ware ad val.  | 25 %†              | 20 %†   |
| 243          | Earthenware, brownware and stoneware, n.e.l. ... ad val.  | 25 %†              | 20 %†   |
| 244          | Roofing tiles, flooring tiles, tiles, n.e.l., of all materials, and mosaic flooring ad val.   | 30 %†              | 25 %†   |
| 248          | Roasting dishes, assay furnaces, crucibles, scorifiers and muffles ...  | Free†              | Free†   |

† With effect from 3rd December, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item. | Articles.  | General Tariff.                               | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------|--|---|---|
|              | <b>DIVISION VIII.—continued.</b>   |   |   |
| 219          | Glass, viz.—<br>Bent, bevelled, heraldic, sand-blasted, enamelled, embossed, etched, silvered or brilliant cut; corners cut, bevelled, or engraved; pances, prisms, and all glass framed with metals ... ..ad val.   | 30 %\$  | 25 %\$  |
| 250          | Items (c) and (d) deleted and the following new sub-item inserted—<br>Polished and patent plate, not exceeding 25 sup. ft. ... ..  | Free\$  | Free\$  |
| 251A         | Glass cells for primary and secondary electric batteries ... ..ad val.   | 5 %\$   | Free\$  |
| 252          | Glassware—<br>Item 252 deleted and stated to fall automatically into item 253.   |   |   |
| 253          | Glassware, n.e.i., including smelling and perfume bottles, glass stoppers and fruit-jar caps; also glass bottle marbles ... ..ad val.  | 25 %\$  | 20 %\$  |
| 258          | Bottle stoppers, n.e.i. ... ..<br>[All stoppers other than glass or rubber are now admitted under this item.]  | Free\$  | Free\$  |
| 259          | Bottles, empty—<br>(a) Bottles, n.e.i., flasks and jars, empty ... ..ad val.<br>(b) Bottles up to and including 5 drams of fluid capacity ... ..   | 35 %\$  | 25 %\$  |
| 260          | Bottles, n.e.i., flasks and jars, filled—<br>(a) Bottles up to and including a capacity of 5 fluid drams ... ..<br>(b) Bottles of over 5 drams and not exceeding 10 ozs., fluid capacity per dozen.<br>(c) Bottles of over 10 ozs. and not exceeding 20 ozs. fluid capacity per dozen.<br>(d) Bottles of over 20 ozs. fluid capacity ... ..per dozen | Free\$<br>Free\$<br>11d.\$<br>2d.\$<br>21d.\$ | Free\$<br>Free\$<br>1d.\$<br>11d.\$<br>2d.\$                      |
| 261          | (a) Glue ... ..ad val.<br>(b) Cements, n.e.i., including mucilage and belting compounds ... ..<br>(c) Gelatine of all kinds per pound  | 35 %\$<br>30 %\$<br>2d.\$                     | 25 %\$<br>25 %\$<br>11d.\$  |
| 263          | Dry gums, shellac, sandarac, dextrine, and mastic ... ..   | Free\$  | Free\$  |
| 267          | Roofing slates, n.e.i. ... ..ad val.   | 25 %\$  | 20 %\$  |
| 268          | Stone and marble—<br>(a) Marble, unwrought, including rough or scabbled from the pick ... ..ad val.<br>(c) Wrought, ornamental.<br>[Item deleted.]   | 10 %\$  | 10 %\$  |

§ With effect from 4th December, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item.        | Articles.  | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the product or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| <b>DIVISION IX.</b> |  |                 |   |
| 273                 | (c) Acetates for the manufacture of acetic acid ... ..   | 15 %            | 15 %  |
| 275                 | Ammonia, viz.—Carbonate anhydrous liquid, muriatic and sulphate ad val.  | 15 %            | 15 %  |
| 277                 | Carbide of calcium ... ..  | Free            | Free  |
| 278                 | Drugs and chemicals, viz. —<br>(a) Salicylic and boric acids and other food preservatives. n.e.i.; salicylate of soda; sulphites and bisulphites of potassium; bisulphite of sodium, calcium, and magnesium; and foaming powders and liquids, including malto-peptone yeast food, yeast food preservatives, yeast nourishment, quillaya bark, saponarias, glycyrrhizin and its compounds ... ..ad val. | 25 %            | 20 %  |
|                     | [ <i>Note.</i> —This item is the same as originally proposed, with the exception of slight verbal alterations in the text.]  |                 |   |
|                     | (b) Saccharin and other similar substitutes for sugar, and substances capable of conversion into such substitutes for sugar... ..per lb.   | 30s.            | 30s.  |
| 279                 | Cresylic acid, crude creosote oil and tar oil, saponaceous mixture of creosote and carbolic acid ... ..  | Free            | Free  |
| 281                 | (a) Crude naphthaline ... ..   | Free            | Free  |
| 284                 | Cyanide of potassium, sodium, and bromide salts ... ..   | Free            | Free  |
| 285                 | Fly papers, chemical and sticky ... ..   | Free            | Free  |
|                     | Thio sulphates (hyposulphites), and hyposulphites containing zinc sulphite and formaldehyde ... ..   | Free            | Free  |
|                     | [Hyposulphites substituted for hydrosulphitea.]  |                 |   |
| 289                 | Tartaric acid, cream of tartar, and citric acid ... ..   | Free            | Free  |
| 291                 | Medicines—<br>(a) Pharmaceutical preparations, &c. : "Troches" and "plasters" are to be omitted from this item, the former to be dutiable as medicated confectionery under item 45a (General Tariff 3d., United Kingdom Tariff 2d. per lb.), and the latter to be admitted free of duty.<br>[The item 291a thus amended was passed.]   |                 |   |

\* With effect from 4th December, 1907.

§ With effect from 4th December, 1907.

¶ With effect from 5th December, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item.                   | Articles.   | General Tariff.                  | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>DIVISION IX.—continued.</b> |   |                                  |   |
| 292                            | Opium for medical purposes only under the departmental bye-laws ...per lb.  | 30s.¶                            | 30s.¶   |
| 293                            | Opium contained in any medicinal preparation, when such preparation would not be liable to a higher duty under any other headings ...per lb.  | 30s.¶                            | 30s.¶   |
| 294                            | Perfumery, including perfumed ammonia; toilet preparations (perfumed or not, non-spirituous and spirituous, when the duty payable under item 8 is less than that payable under this item); skin foods; refined lanoline; refined glycerine; petroleum jelly   | ad val.                          | ad val.   |
| 295                            | Unrefined glycerine and unrefined lanoline, camphor vaseline, not being petroleum jelly, and plasters, adhesive and all unmedicated ... ..  | 25 %¶                            | 25 %¶   |
| 296                            | Essential oils, and fat containing extract of flowers used in making perfumes ... ..  | Free¶                            | Free¶   |
| 297                            | Sulphuric and other ethers.<br>[Item deleted.]  | Free¶                            | Free¶   |
| <b>DIVISION X.</b>             |   |                                  |   |
| 299                            | Furniture, n.e.i., including any article of wood or partly of wood, wholly or partly made up or finished, and used in any building or premises, including hospitals, also show figures of all kinds ... ..  | ad val.                          | ad val.   |
| 300 & 301                      | These two items are deleted, with effect from 5th December, 1907.   | 35 %¶                            | 25 %¶   |
|                                | Lounges, settees, and chairs of wood are dutiable under item 299, and wicker, &c., chairs under item 304.   |                                  |   |
| 303                            | Timber, viz.—<br>(a) Timber, undressed, n.e.i., in sizes of 12 in. by 6 in. (or its equivalent), and over ... per 100 super feet<br>(aa) New Zealand pine, undressed, of all sizes ... per 100 super feet<br>(p) Three-ply veneer " " " "<br>(q) Veneers, n.e.i. " " " "<br>(r) Picture and room mouldings ad val.<br>(s) Timber, bent or cut into shape, dressed or partly dressed, n.e.i. | 6d.<br>6d.<br>5s.<br>3s.<br>30 % | Free**<br>6d.**<br>Free**<br>Free**<br>25 %**                     |
|                                | ad val.<br>The articles enumerated under the sub-items (b) to (o) (r), and (t) of item 303 are to be admitted free of duty when the produce or manufacture of the United  | 25 %                             | Free**  |

¶ With effect from 5th December, 1907.

\*\* With effect from 6th December, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item. | Articles.  | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------|--|-----------------|---|
|              | DIVISION X.— <i>continued.</i><br>Kingdom, the rates of duty under the General Tariff remaining unaltered. (See p. 30 of the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal" for 19th September last.)<br>[ <i>Note.</i> —The footnotes defining "superficial foot" and "superficial face" have been deleted, and their application to the various items expunged.] |                 |   |
| 304          | Wicker, bamboo, and cane, all articles, n.e.i., made of, whether partly or wholly finished ... ..ad val.   | 35 %            | 25 %**  |
| 305          | Basket ware, n.e.i. ... ..   | 35 %            | 25 %**  |
| 306          | Wood, all articles made of, n.e.i., whether partly or wholly finished; including bellows; sashes and frames; wire-doors; window screens; walking sticks; hods; mallets; rakes; grain shovels; saw frames; mitre boxes; wood bungs; wood type; wood rules; wash boards and knife boards ad val.   | 35 %            | 30 %**  |

\*\* With effect from 6th December, 1907.

The following items have been passed without alteration:—229 (Division VI<sub>A</sub>), 230, 232-3, 236 (*f*), 240, 242, 245-7, 250 (*a*) and (*b*), 251, 254-7, 262, 264-6, 268 (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), and (*f*), 269-272, 273 (*a*) to (*d*), 274, 276, 280, 282-3, 286-8, 290, 291 (*b*), 298, 302, 303 (*v*) and (*x*).

For the rates of duty leviable under these items, see the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal," for 19th September, 1907.

Information has also been received from the Representative of the Commonwealth in London notifying that a communication has been received from the Comptroller-General of the Commonwealth Customs Department to the effect that "cognac" is accepted only as denoting grape wine brandies of French origin.

The "Commonwealth Gazette" for 21st September last contains a Notice, dated 13th September, 1907, stating that a drawback of duty will be allowed on New Zealand pine used in the manufacture of butter boxes, under certain specified conditions, when used in the manufacture of articles within the Commonwealth upon exportation thereof.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.**

The "New Zealand Gazette" for 17th October last contains a **Customs** Ministers' Order (No. 852), dated 14th October, 1907, giving an extensive list of **Decisions.** under the new Customs Tariff Act, respecting the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into the Dominion of New Zealand.

The following are the principal decisions given :—

| Articles.  | Rate of Import Duty on articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of |                                    |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
|  | Foreign Countries.   | Any part of the British Dominions. |
| Agricultural implements, viz., hodge trimmers, hedge shears, hoes, rakes and trowels ...                   | Free.  | Free.                              |
| "Aniline laundry blue"—  |  |                                    |
| As dyes ... ..   | Free.  | Free.                              |
| Apparatus for cutting and searing lambs' tails—  |  |                                    |
| As agricultural implements ... ..  | Free.  | Free.                              |
| Artificial strawberry-leaves used in making confectionery—   |  |                                    |
| As artificial leaves .. .. .ad val.  | 25 %   | 25 %                               |
| Belts of cord for driving separators—  |  |                                    |
| As cordage, n.o.e. ... .. .ad val.   | 30 %   | 20 %                               |
| Blocks, metal, including blocks for boats or ships—  |  |                                    |
| As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal ad val.  | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Book—metals used in the manufacture of loose leaf ledgers—   |  |                                    |
| As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal ad val.  | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Boxed robes cut into shape but not sewn—   |  |                                    |
| As drapery, n.o.e. ... .. .ad val.   | 25 %   | 20 %                               |
| Boxed robes partly made up by sewing—  |  |                                    |
| As apparel, n.o.e. ... .. .ad val.   | 25 %   | 20 %                               |
| Brass stamped lacquered husks for the manufacture of gasaliers, brackets, &c.—                             |  |                                    |
| As articles and materials suited only for and to be used solely in the fabrication of goods in the colony. | Free.  | Free.                              |
| Brush-making machine, automatic, for tufting and holing—   |  |                                    |
| As machinery, n.o.e. ... .. .ad val.   | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Camphor in blocks—   |  |                                    |
| As drugs, n.o.e. ... .. .ad val.   | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

| Articles.  | Rate of Import Duty on articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of |                                    |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
|  | Foreign Countries.   | Any part of the British Dominions. |
| Coffin-furniture—<br>As manufactures, n.o.e. of metal...ad val.  | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Collar-studs, washed gold—<br>As fancy goods ... ..ad val.   | 30 %   | 20 %                               |
| Coriander seed, ground or unground—<br>As drugs, n.o.e. ... ..ad val.  | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Couplings or sockets for wire rope for haulage purposes in a mine—<br>As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal ad val.  | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Dental appliances to include aluminium blanks; apparatus for the administration of anaesthetics, including gasometers for the operating room; articulating-paper; articulators; cavity caps, pins for tooth-crowns, matrices and matrix-retainers, regulating apparatus, regulating screws, springs and swivels for dentures, suction plates and discs, and other articles directly applied to the teeth or mouth for temporary or permanent wear; celluloid-moulding apparatus for dentures; chamols cushions and trays for gold-foil; dental foot-power engine; dental swages; dentists' silks and threads, and holders for the same; dentists' dummy patient or dental phantom; dies and die-plates; drawpress for making shells; flask-presses and moulding-flasks; mouth gags or props; pellet-holders; pestle and mortar of porcelain or glass, if the mortar does not exceed 1½ in. in diameter; rubber dam, clamps, holders and weights; clamps for use with absorbent or non-absorbent fabrics; saliva-ejectors; soldering lamps, annealing-lamps, and annealing-trays; tooth-separators and separating-sticks; vulcanisers for vulcanising dentures; vulcanising-flasks ... .. | Free.  | Free.                              |
| The following goods claimed free as above are to be classified as follows—<br>Brackets—<br>As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal ad val.   | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Bracket tables—<br>As furniture, n.o.e. ... ..ad val.  | 37½ %  | 25 %                               |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

| Articles.  | Rate of Import Duty on articles,<br>the growth, produce or<br>manufacture of |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | Foreign<br>Countries.  | Any part of the<br>British<br>Dominions. |
| Dental bibe—   |  |  |
| As apparel, n.o.e. ... ad val.   | 25 %   | 25 %                                     |
| Dental chairs, head rests for chairs, dental<br>stools—                                      |  |  |
| As furniture, n.o.e. ... ad val.   | 37½ %  | 25 %                                     |
| Dental scissors—   |  |  |
| As hardware, n.o.e. ... ad val.  | 30 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Electric motors—   |  |  |
| As electric motors ... ad val.   | 10 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 15 %                                    | 10 %                                     |
| Spittoons and cuspidors, all kinds (self-<br>cleansing or other)—                            |  |  |
| As hardware, n.o.e., or earthenware,<br>according to kind ... ad val.                        | 30 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Dressing-cases, although containing brushes<br>and mirror as fittings—                       |  |  |
| As fancy goods ... ad val.   | 30 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Electric desk-fan and motor combined—  |  |  |
| As electric apparatus, n.o.e. ad val.  | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Electric locomotive, claimed as mining ma-<br>chinery—                                       |  |  |
| As machinery, n.o.e. ... ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Foot-rot knives—   |  |  |
| As hardware, n.o.e. ... ad val.  | 30 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Garden syringes—   |  |  |
| As hardware, n.o.e. ... ad val.  | 30 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Gas generators, acetylene—   |  |  |
| As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal, ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Groats, all kinds—   |  |  |
| As grain, manufactured ... per cental  | 1s. to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 1s. 2½d.                                 | 1s.                                      |
| Gun-wads of felt—  |  |  |
| As articles, n.o.e., made of felt, ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Handkerchiefs, all kinds—  |  |  |
| As articles, n.o.e., made of textile, ad val.  | 20 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Incubators—  |  |  |
| As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal, ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Injectors, vertical restarting, for traction and<br>other engines, when imported separately— |  |  |
| As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal, ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

| Articles.   | Rate of Import Duty on articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of |                                    |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
|   | Foreign Countries.   | Any part of the British Dominions. |
| Labels, celluloid, bearing New Zealand manufacturer's name—<br>As articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the colony.   | Free   | Free                               |
| Machine, book-sewing—<br>As sewing machines ... ..  | Free   | Free                               |
| Machine, brush-making, automatic, for tufting or holing—<br>As machinery, n.o.e. ... ..ad val.  | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Machine, drafting—<br>As draughtsmen's drawing instruments ad val.  | Free to 31st March, 1908, then 10 %                                    | Free                               |
| Machine, lens-grinding—<br>As machinery, n.o.e. ... ..ad val.   | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Machine for soldering tins—<br>As metal-workers' machine tools... ..  | Free   | Free                               |
| Main-cocks—<br>As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal, ad. val.  | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Maypole soap—<br>As dyes ... ..   | Free   | Free                               |
| Metal sprinkler tops for bottles—<br>As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal, ad. val.  | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Motor vehicles, pumps for—<br>As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal, ad. val.   | 20 % to 31st March, 1908, then 30 %                                    | 20 %                               |
| Motor vehicles, speed-gear for, when imported separately—<br>As parts of chassis... ..  | Free   | Free                               |
| Neckwear, articles used in making-up—viz.,<br>escut springs, wire fasteners, stud fasteners,<br>French fitting fasteners, retainers, steels<br>1-in. and 3½-in., and Rodney cards—<br>As minor articles for making up apparel | Free   | Free                               |
| Ornaments (not including bows or buckles) for boots and shoes—<br>As articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Colony.  | Free   | Free                               |
| Pads, boot-polishing—<br>As articles, n.o.e., made of textile ad val.   | 20 %   | 20 %                               |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

| Articles.  | Rate of Import Duty on articles,<br>the growth, produce or<br>manufacture of |   |
|--|--|---|
|  | Foreign<br>Countries.  | Any part of the<br>British<br>Dominions.  |
| Protene flour—<br>As provisions, n.o.e....   | ad val.  | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 % |
| Rheostats—<br>As electric appliances, n.o.e  | ad val.  | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 % |
| Saddles and crampets for fixing<br>iron pipes to walls—<br>As hardware, n.o.e. ...   | ad val.  | 30 %                                      |
| Slide valves, brass, for traction and other<br>engines, when imported separately—<br>As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal   | ad val.  | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 % |
| Surgical instruments and appliances to include Finsen light apparatus; "X"-ray apparatus viz., vacuum tubes, fluorescent screen, contact breakers and regulators, also induction coils when imported with and forming part of "X"-ray apparatus; apparatus to measure, localise and direct "X"-rays; first-aid hampers, boxes or kits imported under a declaration solely for the use of St. John Ambulance Association; hand-stretchers or hand-litters; apparatus for the administration of anæsthetics; hypodermic and obtunding syringes; instruments and apparatus for the enumeration of blood-corpuscles and for testing blood; laryngoscopic and similar surgical lamps not adaptable for reading; ligature holders, tablets and reels; operating tables, including adjusting apparatus therefor; hip-rests, knee-holders, surgical stirrups, operation pads, and similar articles peculiar to use on a surgical table during operations; fracture cradles; surgical extension and suspension apparatus; sterilisers for instruments and for surgical dressings; surgical needle-boxes and needle-cases; surgical sponges, sterilised or medicated, in hermetically-closed glass jars; temperature regulators with water circulation ... |  |   |
| The following articles claimed free as above are to be classified as follows—<br>Ward furniture, dressing and instrument cabinets, irrigators and irrigator  | Free   | Free                                      |

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| Articles.  | Rate of Import Duty on articles,<br>the growth, produce or<br>manufacture of |  |
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|  | Foreign<br>Countries.  | Any part of the<br>British<br>Dominions. |
| stands, bowl and bottle stands, immersion baths, immersion stands, glass trays and dressing basins; according to kind—<br>As furniture, n.o.e. ... ..ad val. | 37½ %  | 25 %                                     |
| As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal ad val.  | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| As glassware, &c. ... ..   | 30 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Ambulance wagons and perambulating litters—<br>As carriages, &c. ... ..ad val.   | 30 %   | 20 %                                     |
| Air-beds, water-beds, air or water cushions or pillows, hot water bottles, ice bags—<br>As druggists' sundries, n.o.e. ad val.                               | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Indiarubber urinals—<br>As druggists' sundries, n.o.e. ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Syringes, enemas and douches (except hypodermic and obtunding syringes)—<br>As druggists' sundries, n.o.e. ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| "Weldon's Ladies' Journal"—<br>As printed advertising matter, n.o.e. per lb.   | 3d. to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 3½d.                                     | 3d.                                      |
| Wire, screw-threaded, for fixing rubber tyres to carriage wheels—<br>As manufactures, n.o.e., of metal ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Wooden blocks for mounting electric-light switches—<br>As woodenware, n.o.e. ... ..ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |

The "New Zealand Gazette" for 17th October last contains a Proclamation, dated 11th October, 1907, revoking the Proclamations of 6th and 25th September, 1905, which provided for the prohibition of the importation of tincture of lemon and tincture of sweet orange-peel made according to the standard laid down in any recognised pharmacopœia into the Dominion of New Zealand.

### *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

#### FRANCE.

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 609 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 27th December last, respecting the temporary duty-free admission of bromine and iodine for the manufacture of certain products, the French "Journal Officiel" for the 1st December contains a Presidential Decree laying down the conditions under which such duty-free admission can be effected. The products in the manufacture of which imported bromine or iodine has been used must be presented for verification at the Customs-house in Paris within a period of three months from the time of the importation of the bromine or iodine; and the quantities of such products which must be re-exported for every 100 kilogrammes of bromine or iodine imported are fixed as follows:—

|                                      | Kilogs. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Bromide of sodium (anhydrous) ... .. | 125.400 |
| Bromide of ammonium ... ..           | 119.400 |
| Iodide of sodium (anhydrous) ... ..  | 115.150 |

#### ITALY.

The Official Bulletin of the "Direzioni Generali delle Gabelle e delle Privative" for September, contains an Italian Royal Decree, dated 11th July, 1907, extending the privilege of "temporary importation" to sheets and tubes of iron, to be coated with zinc, and even to be subsequently manufactured into various articles of galvanised iron.

**"Temporary  
Importation" of  
Iron Sheets and  
Tubes.**

#### TURKEY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the duty on flour imported at Beirut has been suspended until further notice.

**Measures  
affecting the  
Importation of  
Flour and the  
Exportation of  
Cereals.**

The exportation of cereals from the Jerusalem Sandjak, of forage from the Roumelian Vilayets, and of white and yellow millet from Aidin, has been prohibited.

#### CUBA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a Decree of the Provisional Governor of Cuba, dated 13th November, modifying paragraphs 162 and 163 of the Cuban Customs Tariff, relating to cardboard, pasteboard, and manufactures thereof, as shown in the following statement:—

**Revised Import  
Duties on  
Cardboard and  
Manufactures  
thereof.**



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**COLOMBIA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of an extract from the Colombian "Diario Oficial" containing the text of new regulations for the navigation of the Magdalena and other Colombian rivers, by which (among other charges on navigation) a special due of 2 dollars (gold) per ton weight or measurement is imposed on foreign goods, and 1 dollar (gold) per ton on native goods. Provisions are exempted from the payment of this due.

The text of these regulations, with a *précis* and translation of the more important Articles, may be consulted by persons interested, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 78, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**VENEZUELA.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a Venezuelan Decree, dated 14th November last, imposing surtaxes on various articles on importation into Venezuela, as follows:—

*Surtax of 10 per cent. of the Customs duty.*—Maize, rice and wheat in the grain; haricot beans, Lima beans, blackeye peas, lentils; hogs' lard, butter; beer.

*Surtax of 25 per cent. of the Customs duty.*—Common bottles of ordinary black or transparent glass suitable for bottling liquors, sterilised milk and aerated waters; sheet glass or crystal, not silvered, white or coloured; potatoes; saddle trees or frames; raw cotton; straw hats, untrimmed; brown paper and wood-pulp paper.

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## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### GERMANY—BELGIUM.

**H.M. Embassy at Berlin** has forwarded a copy of a treaty, signed on the 15th August, 1903, and recently ratified, between the German Empire and Belgium, for the establishment of railway connexion between Louvain and Aix-la-Chapelle and between Malmedy and Stavelot. (See also "Board of Trade Journal" of 5th September last, p. 470.)

**Railway  
Communication.**

### FRANCE.

**H.M. Consul at Lyons** (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars) has forwarded an extract from "Le Salut Public" (Lyons) on the subject of the efforts made by the Paris-Lyon et Méditerranée Railway Company towards the development of the trade in fruit and other agricultural produce, both in France and in other countries, of which the following is a translation:—

**Transport of  
Agricultural  
Produce.**

Attention has been drawn from time to time to the very noteworthy efforts of the Paris-Lyon-Méditerranée railway company to improve the packing of agricultural products for transport, and especially of the choice fruits in the districts served by the railway. The packing exhibitions which the company has organized with such success at Marseilles for the Colonial Exhibition, at Paris on the occasion of the General Agricultural Exhibition, at Avignon, and also quite recently at Bastia, have led merchants interested to manufacture packing materials that are at the same time cheap, light and strong, and that, while ensuring cheap transport, also assure the preservation of the fruit up to the time of delivery, favourable presentation to the eyes of the purchaser, and a facility of sale in all the markets in France and other countries. The company has not stopped there in its efforts to encourage agriculture. It has established in Switzerland, Germany, England and Italy commercial representatives whose business it is to assist the development of French commerce. It has distributed to the consignors on its system thousands of notices showing the kind of fruit and vegetables most appreciated in each country, the conditions of sale, and the names of foreign agents and purchasers who will enter into relations with the producers; it has also lowered its transport rates for export, constructed a number of well-ventilated wagons, specially designed for the carriage of early fruit and vegetables, established fast transport trains, and has gone so far as to show French products at foreign exhibitions.

The recent exhibition at Mannheim, which comprised different international exhibits of fruit and vegetables, has been a great opportunity for the fruit producers on the Paris-Lyon-Méditerranée system to make French products appreciated and to show their superiority.

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#### **JAPAN.**

H.M. Embassy at Tokio reports that a reduction of fares took place on the 1st November on the railways recently taken over by the Japanese Government. The third-class fares are now as follows:—

|                                      |       |                    |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|---|---|
| For a distance of 50 miles and under | ...   | 1·65 sen per mile. |   |   |
| " " from 50 to 100 miles             | ...   | 1·3                | " | " |
| " " " 100 " 200                      | " ... | 1·0                | " | " |
| " " " 200 " 300                      | " ... | 0·8                | " | " |
| Over 300 miles 0·7 sen per mile.     |       |                    |   |   |

Second-class fares are 50 per cent. more than third, and first-class 250 per cent. more. One sen is approximately equivalent to a farthing, so it will be seen that a third-class passenger will never pay as much as a halfpenny per mile and may be able to travel for as little as seven-tenths of a farthing per mile.

#### **COREA.**

With reference to the list of open ports in China, Japan, Korea, and Siam published on pp. 634-5 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 28th March last, H.M. Consul-General at Seoul (Mr. H. Cockburn, C.B.) reports with regard to Korea that the list of treaty ports remains the same. It should be noted, however, that, though the opening of the ports of Yongampo and Wiju has not yet been officially announced, the Customs opened offices at these ports in July, 1906, and foreign steamers call there without objection on the part of the authorities.

### **MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.**

#### **BRITISH INDIA—BURMA.**

The "Indian Trade Journal" contains an extract from a report on the gold-bearing deposits of Loi Twang in the Shan States, Burma, by Mr. T. H. D. La Touche, officiating Director, Geological Survey of India, in which it is stated that, as the result of his investigations, coarse gold was found only in three streams, namely, the Namkham in Mong Tung, the Hwe Aw in Keshi-Mansam, and the Nam Ka in Mong Kung, and that it is confined to a very small area in each case. Mr. La Touche adds that it is possible that further prospecting might reveal the presence of gold in larger quantities in the lower portion of the gravel deposits; but even if the value of the deposits were proved to be greater than it appears to be, a serious objection to their being

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worked on a large scale is the fact that the gold-bearing gravels are in all cases covered by a fertile soil which is terraced and cultivated, and that practically the whole of the cultivation would be destroyed by the operations. It is suggested that the villagers might be given permission to extract what gold they can from the gravel by their own methods.

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA—NORTHERN TERRITORY.**

The following figures showing the exports of minerals from the Northern Territory of South Australia in the **Mineral Industry**. year 1906, as compared with the preceding year, are taken from the annual report of the Government Resident:—

|                           | 1905.     |          | 1906.     |          |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                           | Quantity. | Value.   | Quantity. | Value.   |
| Gold bullion ... .. oz.   | 13,027    | £ 39,702 | 12,565    | £ 38,745 |
| " " concentrated matte "  | —         | —        | 2,758     | 11,256   |
| " quartz ... .. tons      | 2         | 266      | 2         | 253      |
| Silver bullion ... .. oz. | 14,455    | 1,626    | 91,617    | 10,306   |
| Tin ore ... .. tons       | 288       | 31,972   | 398       | 36,907   |
| Copper ore ... .. "       | 408       | 6,906    | 527       | 9,490    |
| " matte ... .. "          | 158       | 8,474    | 178       | 13,929   |
| " bars and scrap... .. "  | —         | —        | 2½        | 101      |
| " blister ... .. "        | —         | —        | 18        | 1,542    |
| Silver lead ore ... .. "  | 97        | 1,115    | 234       | 2,022    |
| Wolfram ore ... .. "      | 63        | 3,379    | 102       | 6,981    |
| Amblygonite ore ... .. "  | —         | —        | 41        | 204      |
| Total value ... .. £      | —         | 83,566   | —         | 132,146  |

**Gold.**—The total production of gold bullion during 1906 (exclusive of Macdonell Ranges) was 15,323 oz., valued at 50,000*l*. The gold won at the Arltunga battery and cyanide works and forwarded thence to Adelaide was 1,079 oz., valued at 3,971*l*. The total yield of gold for the whole of the Northern Territory for 1906 was therefore 16,402 oz., valued at 53,972*l*., as compared with 15,475 oz., valued at 48,347*l*., for 1905.

#### **PORTUGAL—ANGOLA.**

H.M. Minister at Lisbon reports that hopes are entertained that the recent discovery of petroleum in the Province of Angola may prove to be of importance. Prospecting has been carried on by some Portuguese firms in the district of Dande, and a concession has been obtained from the Government by Messrs. Canha and Formigal, of Lisbon.

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**SPAIN.**

The Acting British-Consul at Bilbao (Mr. J. Innes) reports that large tracts of ground between Torrelavega and Cabezón de la Sal (near Santander) have been taken up by the well-known Brussels firm of alkali manufacturers, and it is reported that borings have proved the existence of practically inexhaustible supplies of rock salt and salts of potash which this firm will treat in the large factory they have recently erected at the former town.

**Rock Salts and  
Salts of Potash  
near Santander.**

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**ITALY—SICILY.**

With reference to the notice on p. 418 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 28th November and previous notices relating to the Sicilian sulphur industry, H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) reports that the exports of sulphur from Sicily during the six months May to October, 1907, amounted to 130,137 tons (of 1,030 kilos.), as compared with 168,854 tons in the corresponding period of 1906.

H.M. Consul has also forwarded copies of price lists issued by the Sicilian Consorzio, which may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**ARGENTINA.**

H.M. Consul at Buenos Ayres (Mr. A. C. Ross, C.B.) reports that a cargo of some 3,000 tons of Natal coal was recently brought to that port from South Africa, and was sold to an Electric Light Company at 30s. per ton. Another cargo of 5,000 tons has been sold for delivery to the Western Railway Company. Mr. Ross adds that, owing to the rise in freight rates from Europe, Welsh coal has been sold at Buenos Ayres lately at 36s. per ton, whereas a year or two ago it could be bought for 20s., and points out that if freights from the United Kingdom keep up, the trade in Natal coal will continue.

**Natal Coal.**

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**JAPAN.**

H.M. Embassy at Tokio reports that the working of the Japanese Government salt monopoly during the last two years has caused discontent amongst consumers owing to the high prices of the commodity and disappointment to the authorities on account of the small revenue produced by the monopoly. The Government, therefore, has now arranged to sell direct to retail dealers, and the guild of wholesale merchants has pledged itself to uphold the measure.

**Salt Monopoly.**

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 7th December, 1907, were as follows:—

#### Corn Prices.

|        |     |     |     |     |      |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34s. | 7d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27s. | 1d. |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18s. | 6d. |

For further particulars see p. 536.

A statement is published on p. 537, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 7th December, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

Under an Order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, entitled the Glanders or Farcy Order of 1907, which comes into force on the 1st January, 1908, no horse, ass or mule brought to Great Britain from any other country, except Ireland, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man is to be landed in Great Britain unless it is accompanied by a certificate of a veterinary surgeon to the effect that he examined the animal immediately before it was embarked or whilst it was on board the vessel, as the case may be, and that he found that the animal did not show symptoms of glanders or farcy.

As regards importation into Ireland or the Channel Islands, intending exporters of animals from Great Britain should communicate in the first instance with (1) the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, (2) the Piers and Harbours Committee of the States of Jersey, Greffe Office, Royal Square, St. Heliers, Jersey, or (3) the Supervisor, Guernsey, as the case may be, with a view to ascertain the steps to be taken to comply with the Regulations of the Government concerned.

### GERMANY.

H.M. Representative at Darmstadt reports that for the third year in succession the vintage in the Rheingau district, where the finest Rhine wines are produced, has been a failure. The quality of the 1907 wines, however, promises well, being described by growers as good average wine. As regards quantity, in only a few cases was a half vintage obtained. In Rauenthal the crop only amounted to one-sixth, while in the Rheingau district it was from one-fourth to one-third. The small crop is due chiefly to the attacks of noxious insects.

*Agriculture.***RUSSIA.**

The Acting British Consul at St. Petersburg (Mr. C. Mackie) reports that, according to the preliminary returns of the winter-sown grain crops of Russia for 1907, published by the Central Statistical Committee of the Ministry of the Interior, the results of the rye and wheat harvest were as follow :—

|              | 1906.      | 1907.      |
|--------------|------------|------------|
|              | Tons.      | Tons.      |
| Rye ... ..   | 16,280,000 | 19,699,209 |
| Wheat ... .. | 6,391,451  | 4,343,387  |

After deducting the requirements for seed purposes, the net amount of the winter-sown grain crops is reported to be 19,271.290 tons, as compared with 17,832,258 tons in 1906.

**FRANCE.**

H.M. Consul at Lyons (Mr. E. R. E. Vicars), in reporting on the results of the 1907 vintage in the Beaujolais-Maconnais district, states that, as regards quantity, the production has varied very considerably according to locality. In the plains and on the lower slopes, owing to adverse conditions generally, much damage to the vines has been sustained, the yield in some cases being reduced to nil. On the other hand, the yield on the higher slopes has been well up to the average and superior to that of 1906.

Quality in the different districts varies as much as quantity. In the Department of the Rhone, owing to a hot September which hastened on the ripening of the grapes, the quality is better than was expected.

In the Beaujolais-Maconnais district as a whole the vintage is of a very fair average type.

**SPAIN.**

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell) reports that this year's crops in the Province of Valladolid were seriously injured by the drought which lasted from November, 1906, to September, 1907, but apart from that much of the bad harvest is attributable to the failure in manuring the land. Sheep and horse dung is largely used as manure. Chemical manures (especially sulphate of ammonia and superphosphates of lime) have been much pushed in recent years.

## *Agriculture.*

### ITALY.

The British Vice-Consul at Turin (Mr. E. Anfione), in reporting on **Agriculture in Piedmont.** agriculture in Piedmont, states that mulberry leaf has been very plentiful, and the crop of cocoons as regards both quantity and quality was first-class. As in 1906, the wine for two-thirds of the vintage will turn out good, but, owing to the large quantity of grapes gathered, it is expected that prices will be low.

The "Comizio Agrario" of the district of Turin, together with the "Circolo Enofilo Subalpino" and other agricultural institutions are, says the Vice-Consul, particularly desirous of making more generally known the chief agricultural products required in the principal markets and great centres of England, with a view to augment the Piedmontese export; while, from their side, these institutions would be quite willing to reciprocate by giving information as to British products useful for agriculture in Piedmont. in order to facilitate their import there.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 5th December, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 161,796 (including 108 bales British West Indian and 160 bales British West African) and the number imported during the forty-nine weeks ended the 5th December was 4,812,238 (including 6,069 bales British West Indian and 10,645 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 5th December, 9,913 bales, and for the forty-nine weeks, 466,950 bales.

For further details see p. 536.

A return showing the number of bales of cotton imported and exported, forwarded from ports to inland towns, and returned to ports during the month and eleven months ended 30th November, 1907, will be found on p. 535.

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### BRITISH INDIA.

According to the "Times of India" (Bombay) the Upper India Chamber of Commerce has decided upon a **Registration of Trade Marks.** measure of great public utility, particularly to the mercantile community, by undertaking the registration of trade marks and designs, including the registration of marks, tickets and designs used on every description of goods. The Chamber points out that, in submitting the applications for

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registration, a full description of the trade mark and design, which should indicate its character as specifically as possible, should accompany the application, and whenever possible drawings should accompany the specification of trade mark or design on a sufficiently large scale to show clearly the construction and details, and, with a view to ensure permanency of such drawings, photographs, which are liable to fade, are not recommended.

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**FRANCE—TUNIS.**

With reference to the notice on p. 33 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 3rd October, respecting the period of restriction for the collection of esparto grass in the Regency of Tunis during the year 1908, H.M. Consul-General there (Mr. E. J. L. Berkeley, C.B.) has forwarded a copy of a decree providing that, in view of exceptional circumstances therein set forth, the decree of restriction is withdrawn.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

With reference to the notice on p. 469 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 5th December, and previous notices, relative to decisions of the United States Department of Agriculture under the "Food and Drugs Act" of the 30th June, 1906, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, from H.M. Embassy at Washington, copies of Decisions Nos. 78 and 79, the first of which relates to the use of labels after the 1st October, 1907, and the second to the collection of samples. The text of the decisions in question, with a memorandum (also forwarded by H.M. Embassy) respecting recent developments in the enforcement of the Act, may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Embassy has also forwarded a copy of an official publication issued by the Department of Agriculture giving a review of the organisation and functions of the Bureau of Chemistry in that Department. The Bureau is the authority charged with the administration of the Pure Food Act, and this summary of its organisation, with the accompanying index of the publications it has issued up to date, will doubtless, H.M. Embassy remarks, be of use for reference in connexion with the various questions concerning inspection of imported products now pending. The publication in question may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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*Miscellaneous.***BRAZIL.**

The following table, showing the value of the imports and exports of Brazil (by countries) during the first six months of 1907, as compared with the corresponding period of 1906, is based on statistics published in the "Brazilian Review":—

| From and to            | Imports.            |            | Exports.            |            |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
|                        | First six months of |            | First six months of |            |
|                        | 1906.               | 1907.      | 1906.               | 1907.      |
|                        | £                   | £          | £                   | £          |
| Germany ... ..         | 1,955,519           | 2,857,055  | 3,048,782           | 4,388,909  |
| Argentina ... ..       | 1,530,497           | 1,857,060  | 791,664             | 717,887    |
| Austria-Hungary ...    | 214,151             | 319,748    | 444,745             | 446,106    |
| Belgium ... ..         | 602,176             | 670,833    | 447,389             | 2,062,378  |
| United States ... ..   | 1,928,096           | 2,398,727  | 7,319,491           | 10,125,085 |
| France ... ..          | 1,313,867           | 1,598,280  | 2,180,139           | 3,677,449  |
| United Kingdom ...     | 3,910,169           | 5,571,345  | 5,181,368           | 5,519,667  |
| Italy ... ..           | 501,405             | 685,466    | 171,557             | 99,384     |
| Holland ... ..         | 76,338              | 109,862    | 623,667             | 918,043    |
| Portugal ... ..        | 975,500             | 1,167,906  | 185,764             | 267,404    |
| British ports to order | —                   | —          | 83,440              | 678,754    |
| Newfoundland ... ..    | 190,373             | 239,457    | —                   | —          |
| Uruguay ... ..         | 476,621             | 532,884    | 380,293             | 330,683    |
| Other countries ... .. | 750,762             | 890,874    | 658,185             | 385,951    |
| Total ... ..           | £ 14,424,974        | 18,899,497 | 21,516,484          | 29,617,700 |

**JAPAN.**

With reference to the notice on p. 272 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 7th November, relative to an English translation of the newly revised third edition of the Japanese Pharmacopœia, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Foreign Office, a copy of a list of errata to the volume. The translation, with the list of errata, may be consulted at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

H.M. Embassy at Tokio reports that a recent amendment of the Japanese Emigrants' Protection Law prohibits any emigration company from continuing business unless it deposits a sum of 5,000*l.* as a guarantee of good faith, and it is stated that the companies will be limited to a very small number of emigrants per month. The result of these measures has been to involve the companies in serious financial difficulties.

**STATISTICAL TABLES.****Cotton Returns.—November, 1907.**

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported, Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and Returned to Ports during the Month and Eleven Months ended 30th November, 1907, compared with the corresponding Periods of the Year 1906.**

|  | MONTH OF NOVEMBER. |                | ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER. |                  |
|--|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|  | 1907.              | 1906.          | 1907.                              | 1906.            |
| <b>IMPORTS.</b>                              |                    |                |                                    |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 425,731            | 552,807        | 8,071,229                          | 2,572,890        |
| Braslian ... ..                              | 5,246              | 9,264          | 184,455                            | 205,701          |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 4,012              | 5,449          | 197,986                            | 126,178          |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 88,516             | 95,193         | 475,976                            | 420,332          |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 15,074*            | 9,290          | 146,879†                           | 96,441           |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>538,579</b>     | <b>672,003</b> | <b>4,076,475</b>                   | <b>3,421,542</b> |
| <b>EXPORTS.</b>                              |                    |                |                                    |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 21,899             | 30,448         | 235,891                            | 181,973          |
| Braslian ... ..                              | 1,169              | 2,232          | 18,076                             | 17,395           |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 9,151              | 2,978          | 77,959                             | 41,047           |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 7,524              | 5,721          | 114,888                            | 66,152           |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 724                | 445            | 12,245                             | 7,453            |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>40,467</b>      | <b>41,824</b>  | <b>459,004</b>                     | <b>314,020</b>   |
| <b>FORWARDED from PORTS to INLAND TOWNS.</b> |                    |                |                                    |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 284,821            | 297,809        | 2,766,197                          | 2,722,858        |
| Braslian ... ..                              | 9,147              | 16,746         | 188,914                            | 177,661          |
| East Indian ... ..                           | 8,878              | 1,405          | 64,780                             | 51,263           |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | 60,957             | 60,948         | 833,775                            | 304,161          |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 6,412              | 12,907         | 76,840                             | 85,849           |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>364,215</b>     | <b>389,815</b> | <b>3,879,956</b>                   | <b>3,341,792</b> |
| <b>FORWARDED from INLAND TOWNS to PORTS.</b> |                    |                |                                    |                  |
| American ... ..                              | 2                  | 11             | 419                                | 634              |
| Braslian ... ..                              | —                  | —              | —                                  | —                |
| East Indian ... ..                           | —                  | —              | —                                  | —                |
| Egyptian ... ..                              | —                  | —              | —                                  | —                |
| Miscellaneous ... ..                         | 1                  | —              | 186                                | 348              |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>                          | <b>3</b>           | <b>11</b>      | <b>605</b>                         | <b>982</b>       |

\* Including 212 bales British West Indian and 1,783 bales British West African.

† " 5,961 " " " 10,641 " " "

**Cotton Returns—continued.**

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 49 Weeks ended 5th December, 1907 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>5th Dec.,<br>1907. | 49 Weeks<br>ended<br>5th Dec.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>5th Dec.,<br>1907. | 49 Weeks<br>ended<br>5th Dec.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)             |   | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)             |   |
|                      | No.                              | No.                                     | No.                              | No.                                     |
| American ... ..      | 132,318                          | 3,260,440                               | 5,245                            | 240,097                                 |
| Brasilian ... ..     | 455                              | 193,384                                 | 685                              | 18,911                                  |
| East Indian ... ..   | 1,443                            | 201,602                                 | 1,145                            | 78,583                                  |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 23,707                           | 505,395                                 | 2,694                            | 116,988                                 |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | *3,873                           | †151,417                                | 144                              | 12,371                                  |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>161,796</b>                   | <b>4,312,238</b>                        | <b>9,913</b>                     | <b>466,950</b>                          |

\* Including 108 bales British West Indian and 160 bales British West African.

† " 6,069 " " " " 10,645 " " " "

**Corn Prices.**

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 7th December, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|                                      |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|                                      |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
| Week ended 7th December, 1907 ... .. |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| Corresponding week in—               |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                          |  | 26             | 9  | 25      | 7  | 17    | 1  |
| 1901 ... ..                          |  | 27             | 2  | 26      | 8  | 19    | 3  |
| 1902 ... ..                          |  | 25             | 0  | 24      | 3  | 16    | 10 |
| 1903 ... ..                          |  | 26             | 7  | 23      | 2  | 15    | 9  |
| 1904 ... ..                          |  | 30             | 4  | 24      | 4  | 16    | 2  |
| 1905 ... ..                          |  | 28             | 6  | 24      | 7  | 17    | 11 |
| 1906 ... ..                          |  | 26             | 1  | 24      | 1  | 17    | 4  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

**Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.**  
**Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce**  
**imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 7th December, 1907,**  
**together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the**  
**previous year.**

|  |            | Week ended<br>7th Dec.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|--|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>   |            |                                  |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves ... ..                                     | Number.    | 10,800                           | 11,729                              |
| Sheep and lambs ... ..   | "          | 8,777                            | 827                                 |
| Swine ... ..   | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Horses ... ..  | "          | 97                               | 219                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>  |            |                                  |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...                             | Cwts.      | 94,064                           | 108,775                             |
| Mutton ... ..  | "          | 108,664                          | 92,906                              |
| Pork ... ..  | "          | 18,550                           | 14,397                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>  |            |                                  |                                     |
| Bacon ... ..   | Cwts.      | 101,591                          | 99,197                              |
| Beef ... ..  | "          | 2,606                            | 1,016                               |
| Hams ... ..  | "          | 24,935                           | 20,543                              |
| Pork ... ..  | "          | 4,634                            | 1,989                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh ... ..   | "          | 11,867                           | 11,823                              |
| " " salted ... ..  | "          | 1,595                            | —                                   |
| " " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) | "          | 9,431                            | 3,134                               |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>                                   |            |                                  |                                     |
| Butter ... ..  | Cwts.      | 74,965                           | 73,789                              |
| Margarine ... ..   | "          | 15,539                           | 19,265                              |
| Cheese ... ..  | "          | 76,971                           | 38,841                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums ... ..                                     | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| " cream ... ..   | "          | 162                              | 104                                 |
| " condensed ... ..   | "          | 19,724                           | 11,553                              |
| " preserved, other kinds ... ..  | "          | 610                              | 591                                 |
| Eggs ... ..  | Grt. Hndr. | 439,888                          | 372,005                             |
| Poultry ... ..   | Value £    | 22,058                           | 14,543                              |
| Game ... ..  | "          | 8,992                            | 1,587                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen) ... ..                                  | Cwts.      | 18,112                           | 4,421                               |
| Lard ... ..  | "          | 51,408                           | 43,432                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>                                    |            |                                  |                                     |
| Wheat ... ..   | Cwts.      | 1,386,400                        | 1,656,100                           |
| Wheat meal and flour ... ..  | "          | 414,500                          | 321,000                             |
| Barley ... ..  | "          | 462,300                          | 315,000                             |
| Oats ... ..  | "          | 122,000                          | 209,300                             |
| Peas ... ..  | "          | 51,590                           | 29,740                              |
| Beans ... ..   | "          | 24,880                           | 10,890                              |
| Maize or Indian corn ... ..  | "          | 670,500                          | 849,500                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>  |            |                                  |                                     |
| Apples ... ..  | Cwts.      | 283,252                          | 130,450                             |
| Apricots and peaches ... ..  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Bananas ... ..   | Bunches.   | 74,613                           | 80,782                              |
| Cherries ... ..  | Cwts.      | —                                | —                                   |
| Currants ... ..  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Gooseberries ... ..  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Grapes ... ..  | "          | 16,860                           | 3,061                               |
| Lemons ... ..  | "          | 18,708                           | 2,781                               |
| Oranges ... ..   | "          | 173,390                          | 227,597                             |
| Pears ... ..   | "          | 2,866                            | 2,042                               |
| Plums ... ..   | "          | 61                               | —                                   |
| Strawberries ... ..  | "          | —                                | —                                   |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | "          | 1,283                            | 3,299                               |
| Hay ... ..   | Tons.      | 1,089                            | 2,295                               |
| Straw ... ..   | "          | 963                              | 482                                 |
| Moss Litter ... ..   | "          | 1,269                            | 1,544                               |
| Hops ... ..  | Cwts.      | 3,981                            | 9,153                               |
| Locust Beans ... ..  | "          | 41,448                           | 11,778                              |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>   |            |                                  |                                     |
| Onions ... ..  | Bushels.   | 144,506                          | 186,391                             |
| Potatoes ... ..  | Cwts.      | 138,492                          | 33,075                              |
| Tomatoes ... ..  | "          | 14,284                           | 4,165                               |
| Unenumerated ... ..  | Value £    | 5,217                            | 5,679                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried ... ..</b>  | Cwts.      | 17,107                           | 30,190                              |
| Preserved by canning ... ..  | "          | 11,177                           | 6,228                               |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

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### COLONIAL OFFICE REPORT.

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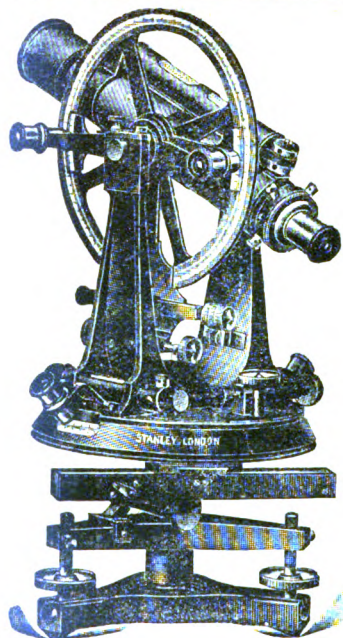
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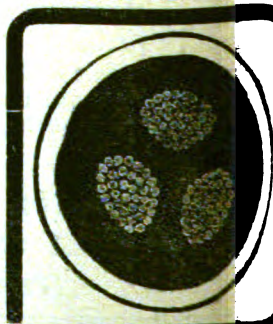
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Council Offices,  
Caistor, Lincolnshire,  
November 27, 1907.

CHRISTIANIA, January 10.—Steel Rails.—In connexion with the announcement issued by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade on October 29, respecting a call for tenders for supply to the Norwegian State Railways of 4,525 tons of steel rails, the Commercial Intelligence Branch are now notified by His Majesty's Consul at Christiania that the time limit for the delivery of these tenders has been extended from November 13 to January 10, 1908.

**CONTRACTS.****Berkshire County Council.  
Road Materials.**

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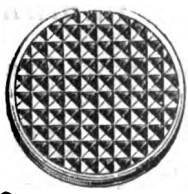
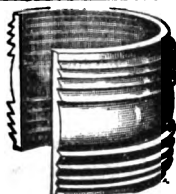
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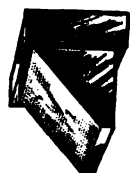
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## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of vacuum brake gear. The conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director General of Stores,

**Vacuum Brake  
Gear.**

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India Office, Whitehall, S.W., and tenders are to be delivered at that office by two p.m. on the 31st December, 1907, after which time no tender will be received. A copy of the conditions may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London firm desire to import considerable quantities of fish oil from Canada.

A North of England firm desire to appoint agents in Canada for their sanitary appliances for domestic and public buildings, and their sewage purification plant.

A Midlands firm make enquiry concerning the sale in Canada of fire bricks of the best Stourbridge quality.

A North of England firm manufacturing all kinds of hardware desire to get into touch with Canadian importers of their tinplates, Canada plates, galvanised sheets and other specialties.

A London firm of manufacturers of ships' signal lamps, pulley blocks, and ship, yacht and boat fittings of all kinds desire to get into communication with buyers of these goods in Canada.

A commission agent in London desires to get into touch with Canadian importing firms connected with the iron, steel, iron-ore, coal and shipping trades.

*Note.*—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A London house, doing business in Indian fabrics suitable for wall decoration, wish to be placed in communication with Canadian importers who could take up the sale of these goods.

A company, manufacturing spades, shovels, picks and other tools, are prepared to appoint an active Canadian resident representative possessing a first-class connexion among railways, contractors, mines, etc. References required.

A company, manufacturing a special system of correspondence files, and also office equipment, would like to get into touch with

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**CANADA—continued.**

some first-class Canadian firm in a position to introduce and take up the sale of their specialties in Canada.

A company manufacturing enamelled iron and copper tablets and letters, &c., seek a suitable Canadian resident agent.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A firm in Montreal would be pleased to do business, upon a commission basis, in building materials and house decorations, and opaline glass suitable for ceilings, walls, dadoes, &c.

A manufacturers' agent in Quebec is prepared to represent manufacturers of steel plates of all kinds, and also of steel and cast iron water and gas pipes.

A firm of brokers in Montreal are in position to offer several thousand cases of this season's pack of first-class quality gallon apples for prompt shipment, and invite correspondence from United Kingdom buyers.

A company doing business in mill engineers' supplies invite correspondence from United Kingdom manufacturers of new patented small tools; engineers' supplies; general transmission machinery and similar goods.

A Montreal firm are prepared to represent a first-class United Kingdom manufacturer of sanitary tiles.

A firm of wholesale brokers in Calgary, with branches in Edmonton and Vancouver, are prepared to represent United Kingdom firms seeking business in grocery sundries, spices, confectionery, and provisions; also hardware lines.

A firm in Montreal would be pleased to hear from United Kingdom firms in a position to quote low export prices on cast iron water and gas pipes.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**CAPE COLONY.**

With reference to the notice on p. 443 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 5th December, respecting the proposed construction of a railway to the top of Table Mountain, the Board of Trade correspondent at Cape Town (Mr. E. J. Cattell), has forwarded a copy of a memorandum by the city engineer, bearing upon the proposed railway, also a copy of the notice inviting tenders which has now been issued. These may be examined by persons interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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#### **STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.**

The Registrar of Imports and Exports at Singapore (Mr. A. Stuart) reports that at a meeting of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Board the tender for the construction of a main wharf and lagoon dock by a well-known London firm of harbour engineers was accepted, the contract price being 998,700*l*. The work will comprise 4,575 ft. of wharfage with a depth of 35 ft. at low water mark, 20-ton blocks of concrete being used up to low water mark, and above that massed concrete. The lagoon dock will have 3,800 ft. of wharfage with a depth of 30 ft. at low water in ordinary spring tides, the walls being composed of massed concrete.

#### **DENMARK.**

The Acting British Consul at Copenhagen (Mr. C. H. Funch) has forwarded a copy (in English) of the conditions and specification relating to a call for tenders for the supply to the Lighting Department of that city of 200,000 tons of prime gas coals. Tenders must be sent in sealed envelopes marked "Tilbud paa Kul," and should reach Belysningsdirektorens Kontor, Raadhuset, Copenhagen, before midday on the 4th January.

The conditions, &c., may be consulted by British firms at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

#### **GERMANY.**

The British Pro-Consul at Berlin (Mr. J. F. Gerb) has forwarded particulars of the following contracts open to tender:—

1. The supply to the Prussian State Railway Directorate at Berlin, Halle-on-Saale, Bromberg, Dantzig, Königsberg, Magdeburg and Stettin, of 6,260,000 kilos. of mineral lubricating oil in eighteen lots. Sealed tenders must be sent to the "Rechnungsbureau, Königliche Eisenbahndirektion, 1-4 Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35," not later than 11 a.m. on the 4th January, 1908. Forms of tender and contract may be obtained at the Zentralbureau, Zimmer 420, 1-4, Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35, on payment of 6*½*d. (not in stamps).
2. The supply to the Prussian State Railway Directorate at Magdeburg of 4,500 kilos. of string, 2,000 kilos. of string for lead seals, 3,500 kilos. of sack ties, 18,000 metres of lamp wicks, 60,000 flat lamp wicks, 180 kilos. of thread wicks, 18,500 lead seals, 1,300 lamp chimney cleaners, 5,750 Piassava brooms, 8,000 brushwood (birch) brooms, 1,700 oak rail levers, and 1,000

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rolls of toilet paper. Sealed tenders must be sent to the "Königliche Eisenbahndirektion No. 1 Knochenhauer Ufer, Magdeburg," not later than 11 a.m. on 9th January, 1908. Forms of tender and contract may be obtained at Königliche Eisenbahndirektion, Rechnungsbureau, No. 1, Knochenhauer Ufer, Magdeburg, on payment of 6½d. each (not in stamps).

3. The supply to the Prussian State Railway Directorates at Berlin, Bromberg, Dantzig, Halle-on-Saale, Königsberg, Magdeburg and Stettin, of the following materials:—8,000 kilos. of plumbago, 8,760 kilos. of candles, 351,300 kilos. of soft soap, 59,600 kilos. of white soap, 295,000 kilos. of calcined soda, 218,900 kilos. of dextrine, 220,000 boxes of matches, 34,000 boxes of polishing cream, and 132,900 kilos. of soap-stone packing ("talkliedering"). Sealed tenders must be delivered to the "Rechnungsbureau, 1-4 Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35," not later than 11 a.m. on 28th December. Forms of tender and contract may be obtained at the "Zentralbureau, Zimmer 420," 1-4, Schoeneberger Ufer, Berlin, W. 35, on payment of 6½d. each (not in stamps).

Copies of the conditions of contract, &c., may be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

### NETHERLANDS.

H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. A. Churchill) reports that tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. on the 27th December at the Naval Dockyard, Amsterdam, for the supply of the following goods for the use of the Dutch Navy during 1908:—2,600 woollen blankets; 1,600 metres blue cotton padding; 3,100 metres satin lining, 0-70 metres wide; 25,000 metres cotton for trousers and jackets, 0-73 metres wide; articles for sewing-bags. Specifications may be obtained from the "Magazijnmeester van Kleeding en Levensmiddelen," Rijkswerf, Amsterdam, at 4d. for each lot.

H.M. Consul also reports that tenders are invited by the Dutch Ministry of the Colonies for the supply of the following goods in lots consisting of:—Cast iron; various metals; various cranes; door knobs, locks and fastenings; spanners; rivets and washers; canvas and linen; lancaster; material for flags; sarongs; blankets; counterpanes; say; rope, yarn, cord, jute and hemp; sewing-machine cotton; methylated spirits; carbolic acid; mineral acids; pitch, tar and oakum; prussian blue, yellow and green paint. Tenders will be received at N. Z. Voorburgwal, 212, Amsterdam, up to 1.30 p.m. on 8th January. Specifications may be obtained from Van Cleef, Bros., Hofspui 28a, The Hague, at 4d. for each lot.

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#### **BELGIUM.**

H.M. Consul-General at Antwerp (Sir E. C. Hertslet) reports that tenders are invited by the Municipal Authorities of that city for the installation of electric light on Quays Nos. 33 and 34 of the Bassin de la Campine. Tenders, in sealed registered envelopes, should be delivered to Monsieur le Bourgmestre de la Ville, Hôtel de Ville, Antwerp, not later than the 23rd December. A deposit of 400 francs (about 16*l.*) will be required to qualify any tender.

The specification may be obtained from the Hôtel de Ville, Antwerp, on payment of one franc. A copy may be inspected by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The "Moniteur Belge" for the 9th and 10th December announces that tenders are invited by the Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Vicinaux for the construction of the section between Quévy-le-

Grande and the terminus at Estinnes-au-Mont, on the railway from Havay to Haulchin. The estimated cost is 340,346 francs (about 13,614*l.*). A deposit of 34,000 francs (about 1,360*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Tenders will be opened at 11 a.m. on the 15th January, at the offices of the Société, Rue de la Science 14, Brussels, where also the specification (*cahier des charges*) may be obtained at the cost of one franc.

#### **FRANCE.**

The British Vice-Consul at Nantes (Mr. A Trillot) reports that tenders are invited by the Prefecture of the Loire-Inférieure for the improvement of the river Loire between Nantes and the sea. The work comprises the construction of dykes, embankments, &c., and is estimated to cost 4,900,000 francs (about 196,000*l.*). Tenders will be opened at the Prefecture on the 28th December.

In the absence, however, of specific information as to the admission of foreigners as tenderers, the notice is given here rather from the point of view of the possible supply to contractors of accessories.

#### **PORTUGAL.**

The "Diario do Governo" of 9th December contains a notice to the effect that a concession has been granted to the Cie. Minière du Tungstène o Brussels for the working of the S. Joao da Escoureda Wolfram mine in the district of Villa Real.

*Openings for British Trade.***SPAIN.**

The Acting British Consul at Bilbao (Mr. J. Innes) reports that a distiller and chemical manures merchant at Haro, province of Logroño, wishes to be put in touch with exporters from the United Kingdom of sulphate of ammonia. He desires to be furnished with best prices, and offers any necessary references in Bilbao.

Communications from British exporters should be addressed to H.M. Consul, Bilbao.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 11th December contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply to the gun-powder works of Murcia of 74,000 kilogs. of nitrate of potash in sacks of 50 or 100 kilogs. each, at an upset price of 61,331 pesetas (about 2,152*l.*) Tenders should be sent in to the Junta de Subasta de la fabrica de Polvora, at Murcia, before 2nd January, 1908.

The "Gaceta" of 12th December contains a notice to the effect that the Compania General de Tranvias Electricos de Valencia have applied to the Ministerio de Fomento for a concession for the construction of an electric tramway in that town. A period of one month from the date of the "Gaceta" is allowed for the presentation of other offers on a basis more advantageous to the Government than that offered. Such offers should be addressed to the Direccion General de Obras Publicas, Madrid.

The "Gaceta" of 13th December notifies that an application has been received in the Ministerio de Fomento from Señor Don Manuel Bellido y González for the construction of a secondary railway from Medina de Rioseco to Palanquinos *via* Villanueva del Campo and Valderas. Other offers to compete with the one above mentioned may be sent in to the Direccion de Obras Publicas, Madrid, within a period of 30 days from the date of the "Gaceta."

**ITALY.**

The British Vice-Consul at Spezia reports that a public competition will be held simultaneously at the Royal Arsenal Linseed Oil (Contract Offices) of Spezia and Naples at 11 a.m. on the 28th December in order to receive sealed tenders for a contract for the supply to the Italian Navy of raw and boiled linseed oil for the estimated value of 124,400 lire (about 4,976*l.*). Tenders may be for one or more of four lots, valued at 2,324*l.*, 960*l.*, 712*l.*, and 980*l.* respectively. Deposits equal to 10 per cent. of the value of each lot tendered for will be required to qualify tenders.

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#### **ITALY**—*continued.*

The special conditions of contract may be seen at the Ministry of Marine, Rome; at the Directorates General of the Royal Arsenal; at the Technical Offices of the Navy at Genoa; and at the principal Chambers of Commerce in Italy.

Each tender should be made out on Government stamped paper of 1 lira. Local representation is necessary.

The expenses of registration, printing and stamp duty are payable by the successful tenderer.

**Modern Factories  
on Sale.**

See notice on p. 584.

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#### **ITALY—SICILY.**

With reference to the notice on p. 356 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 21st November, and previous notices relating to an International Competition for Motor Machinery for the Cultivation of Vineyards, H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) now reports that the competition in question will be held at Palermo in the autumn of 1908. Applications for entrance to the competition should be addressed to the Director of the Instituto Zootechnico before 1st March, 1908. The conditions may be seen by intending competitors at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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#### **AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.**

The "Lieferungswesen" of 12th December contains a notice inviting tenders for the supply to the Pribram mine authorities of 30,000 kilogs. of pure, double-refined rape-seed oil from sound rapeseeds, not Hederich (wild rape), in casks of 200 kilogs. A deposit of 10 per cent. of the value of the offer is required. Tenders marked "Offert auf Rübsöl-lieferung" must be sent in to the K. K. Bergdirektion, Pribram, before 24th December.

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#### **ROUMANIA.**

H.M. Consul at Bucharest (Mr. O. Wardrop) reports, on the authority of the "Curierul Financier," that the Roumanian Government has decided to allot to the State Railways the sum of 50,000,000 francs (2,000,000*l.*) for the purchase of rolling stock, the construction of new sidings and various other works.

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**TURKEY.**

H.M. Vice-Consul at Uskub (Mr. H. E. Satow) has forwarded copies (in French) of the contract form and conditions of tender for the supply of the iron-work required for four bridges on the Prishtina-Prepolac road, and for one over the river Vardar at Uskub, together with a "programme" giving information as to the method of tendering, &c. These documents may be seen by British firms at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Tenders will be received up to the 19th January.

It should be noted that in the case of Turkish Government contracts it is understood that it is practically impossible for a British firm to tender with success except through a thoroughly competent agent on the spot. A list of British agents established at Constantinople may be obtained on application at the above address.

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**MEXICO.**

The "Diarios Oficial" of 13th and 18th November contain notices of applications for appropriating the water of certain rivers for motive power from—1. Señor Charles B. Knocker for the river Moctezuma, in the State of Hidalgo; 2. Señor Felipe Chávez for the river de la Compañía, in the State of Mexico.

The "Diario" of 26th November contains notices to the effect that the Mexican Government have contracted with Señor J. H. Warner, representing the Inde Gold Mining Co., and Señor Joaquín Mirambell, for the appropriation of water for motive power from the rivers Nazas, State of Durango and Chimalapa, State of Chiapas, respectively.

The "Diario" of 27th November contains notices of similar contracts with Señor Eduardo Sabathé and Señor Manuel Gonzalez, the former for the rivers Pulchain, Jecuatla and Salta, State of Vera Cruz, and the latter for the river Blance, States of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas.

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**ECUADOR.**

H.M. Consul at Guayaquil (Mr. A. Cartwright) reports that the business of the Guayaquil Brewery has continued unaltered, but the reduction in the import dues on foreign beer has caused a considerable amount of competition, and the imports of German and American beer have largely increased. No trade is at present done there in British ale or stout. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,946.*)

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### *Openings for British Trade.*

#### CHILE.

The "Diario Oficial" of Chile of 22nd October contains a copy of a decree approving a contract between the Chief Engineer of the Chocpa-Illapel railway and Senores Osvaldo Walker and Marcelo Somarriva for railway works on that line at a cost of 143,223 pesos (5,370*l.* at present exchange of about 9*d.*).

The same "Diario" contains a notice to the effect that a concession has been granted to the Sociedad Francesa of Chañaral for the construction of a railway from Chañaral to Pueblo Hundido.

The "Diario" of 23rd October contains a copy of a decree granting a concession to the Cia. Salitrera Aurora de Aguas Blancas for the construction of a railway from the Aurora mine to the Bonasort station of the Caleta Coloso-Aguas Blancas railway.

#### ARGENTINA.

The "Boletin Oficial" of Argentina of 8th November contains a copy of a decree authorising the Inspeccion General de Puentes y Caminos to construct an iron bridge over the Arroyodel Medio, on the road from Pergamino to Rosario, at a cost of 85,000 pesos currency (about 7,437*l.*), and to invite tenders for the supply of the iron, &c., necessary for the work.

The same "Boletin" also contains a copy of a decree authorising the Direccion General de Vias de Comunicacion to extend certain wharves in the port of Buenos Ayres at a cost of 113,916 pesos currency (about 9,965*l.*).

#### EXHIBITIONS.

##### FRANCE.

With reference to the notice on p. 359 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 21st November, relative to the International Electrical Exhibition to be held at Marseilles in 1908, the Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, from the French Ambassador in London, copies of the regulations, general classification of exhibits and form of application for space, together with plans of the exhibition in question. These may be consulted at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

*Exhibitions.***FRANCE—continued.**

With reference to the notice on p. 359 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 21st November respecting an **International Electrical Exhibition at Lyons.** &c., to be held at Lyons in June, 1908, H.M. Consul there (Mr. E. Vicars) reports that, in view of the fact that an Exhibition of applied electricity is to be held at Marseilles in 1908, the Lyonnese Society of Agriculture, Science and Industry have decided to confine the scope of the Lyons Exhibition to electricity in its application to agricultural purposes, which will differentiate it considerably from that at Marseilles.

**COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE.**

The President of the Board of Trade has appointed Sir Albert Spicer, Bart, M.P., to be a member of the Commercial Intelligence Advisory Committee, in place of the late Mr. T. F. Blackwell.

**CENSUS OF PRODUCTION.**

The Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee for the **Baking, Cocoa, Confectionery and Fruit Preserving Trades** was held on the 16th December, at the offices of the Board of Trade. Those present were Mr. A. Wilson Fox, C.B. (presiding); Sir Walter Palmer, Bart.; Mr. W. Arundel; Mr. J. Boyd; Mr. J. Hicks; Mr. Stanley Machin; Mr. J. B. Morrell; Sir Robert Giffen, K.C.B.; Mr. G. J. Stanley, C.M.G.; Mr. H. W. Macrosty and Mr. G. C. L. Mannder (Secretary).

**ELECTRICAL ENTERPRISES IN SPAIN.**

Referring to the article on electrical enterprises in Spain, published on pp. 456-8 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 5th December, it should be noted that the information contained therein was furnished by the British Vice-Consul at Madrid (Mr. A. Jackson), not by the Commercial Attaché at Madrid as stated in the article in question.

**BRITISH TRADE ABROAD.**

**Turkey.**—It may be well to call attention to a statement in a recent despatch from Mr. H. C. A. Eyres, H.M. Consul-General at Constantinople, to the effect that the only way to do business with the Hedjaz Railway is by direct personal application to La Haute Commission du Chemin de Fer du Hedjaz, Constantinople. Mr. Eyres emphasises the necessity for firms meaning serious

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business to be represented by agents who are in personal touch with the High Commission. The case, noted on p. 551 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 19th September last, of a call for tenders, in which it would appear that the contractors were settled prior to the publication of the call, illustrates this necessity.

**Bagdad.**—The Acting British Consul-General at Bagdad (Major J. Ramsey, C.I.E.) writes as follows:—"In my opinion Bagdad offers a very promising market for many kinds of British manufactures. The chief difficulty of pushing the trade lies in bringing buyers and sellers into such close relationship with each other that each can understand the needs of the other. In certain lines of business I can act as a medium of communication, but I cannot supply detailed technical information, nor is it possible accurately to describe in writing the advantages and disadvantages attaching to Bagdad as a market.

"No Consular reports, however carefully prepared, can be as useful as a personal knowledge of the market to be exploited, and this is especially true of a country where no official statistics are published, where foreigners enjoy privileges that are denied to natives, and where the relations between the Governors and the people are such as a resident of England would find it difficult to realise.

"For these reasons I feel convinced that the best method of pushing our trade is to persuade firms doing a large business to send out their representatives to see things for themselves. . . . An agent of a firm travelling to India could examine the market not only at Bagdad but also at Beyrout and Aleppo (both important commercial centres) with the expenditure of a very little money and time. . . .

"Manufacturers well know that there is no difficulty in getting from England to Constantinople or Port Said. From either of these places there are numerous steamers running to Beyrout. From Beyrout to Aleppo there is a railway, and a branch from this railway would enable a traveller to visit Damascus. From Aleppo to Bagdad a service of post carriages has recently been started.\* These carriages do the journey in about eight or nine days. From Bagdad to Busrah there are British steamers at least once a week, and there are several Turkish steamers. From Busrah to Karachi and Bombay there is the weekly mail steamer of the British India Steam Navigation Company, as well as other steamers. . . . The cost of a carriage from Aleppo to Bagdad is about 15*l.* sterling, and a quarter of this sum for one seat. The cost of a first-class ticket by steamer from Bagdad to Karachi is about 10*l.*"

Names of British merchants in Bagdad and of local steamship companies may be obtained on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

\* See p. 473 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 5th December as to conditions of the journey.

## TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

The following summary table has been prepared at the Board of Trade showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to September, 1907, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period, viz., the nine months ended September. The corresponding figures for 1906 and 1905 are added for comparison:—

|                           | Imports ( <i>see Note</i> below).<br>Nine Months ended September. |             |             | Exports (Domestic) ( <i>see Note</i> below).<br>Nine Months ended September. |             |             |
|---------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|
|                           | 1905.   | 1906.       | 1907.       | 1905.  | 1906.       | 1907.       |
|                           | £   | £           | £           | £  | £           | £           |
| Germany ... ..            | 239,519,000   | 284,175,000 | 315,189,000 | 197,942,000  | 217,618,000 | 249,281,000 |
| Belgium* ... ..           | 85,376,000  | 95,506,000  | 104,610,000 | 61,692,000   | 73,125,000  | 77,453,000  |
| France... ..              | 140,251,000   | 164,278,000 | 178,194,000 | 139,587,000  | 153,101,000 | 163,583,000 |
| Switzerland ... ..        | 37,018,000  | 40,743,000  | 45,227,000  | 27,635,000   | 30,669,000  | 33,532,000  |
| Spain ... ..              | 31,442,000  | 30,129,000  | 27,701,000  | 26,344,000   | 25,823,000  | 25,800,000  |
| Austria-Hungary ... ..    | 65,601,000  | 69,431,000  | 70,457,000  | 63,395,000   | 69,245,000  | 70,402,000  |
| Egypt ... ..              | 15,100,000  | 16,888,000  | 18,927,000  | 13,213,000   | 13,998,000  | 16,829,000  |
| United States... ..       | 181,724,000   | 197,556,000 | 230,871,000 | 225,332,000  | 253,861,000 | 272,836,000 |
| Japan ... ..              | 40,069,000  | 33,092,000  | 38,238,000  | 22,691,000   | 28,807,000  | 32,509,000  |
| British India ... ..      | 52,960,000  | 57,273,000  | 62,253,000  | 76,771,000   | 81,075,000  | 97,256,000  |
| Canada ... ..             | 39,851,000  | 46,840,000  | 57,305,000  | 26,774,000   | 33,761,000  | 34,878,000  |
| British S. Africa+ ... .. | not available   | 24,195,000  | 20,969,000  | not available  | 30,649,000  | 34,880,000  |
| United Kingdom ... ..     | 352,621,000   | 380,093,000 | 402,898,000 | 242,396,000  | 278,054,000 | 319,281,000 |

\* Value of *principal* articles only.

+ Including bullion.

A comparison of the total figures for ten months ended 31st October is possible for four countries, as follows, viz. :—

|                       | Imports ( <i>see Note</i> ).<br>Ten Months ended October. |             |             | Exports (Domestic) ( <i>see Note</i> ).<br>Ten Months ended October. |             |             |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|
|                       | 1905.   | 1906.       | 1907.       | 1905.  | 1906.       | 1907.       |
|                       | £   | £           | £           | £  | £           | £           |
| Belgium* ... ..       | 95,505,000  | 106,806,000 | 115,553,000 | 70,020,000   | 83,999,000  | 86,697,000  |
| France... ..          | 154,520,000   | 183,299,000 | 197,366,000 | 156,801,000  | 171,462,000 | 182,917,000 |
| United States ... ..  | 204,108,000   | 222,166,000 | 254,165,000 | 257,008,000  | 292,506,000 | 310,040,000 |
| United Kingdom ... .. | 395,041,000   | 427,570,000 | 453,673,000 | 271,763,000  | 311,289,000 | 357,601,000 |

\* Value of *principal* articles only.

NOTE.—In the case of Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Austria-Hungary, Egypt, Japan, Canada, and *United Kingdom*, the import figures given in the above summaries represent imports for home consumption. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however, they include a certain amount of “nationalised” goods, i.e., goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

### *Trade of Foreign Countries and British Possessions.*

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade are as follow:—

|                                    | Imports.            |                     |                     | Exports (Domestic). |                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                    | 1905.               | 1906.               | 1907.               | 1905.               | 1906.              | 1907.              |
|                                    | £                   | £                   | £                   | £                   | £                  | £                  |
| Russia* (7 months)...              | 32,312,000          | 36,654,000          | 41,499,000          | 58,485,000          | 56,440,000         | 51,829,000         |
| Italy (7 months)...                | 45,123,000          | 58,043,000          | 66,573,000          | 36,775,000          | 43,098,000         | 41,369,000         |
| Mexico† (8 months)...              | 11,671,000          | 18,767,000          | 16,817,000          | 15,578,000          | 18,038,000         | 17,845,000         |
| Australian Commonwealth (8 months) | not available       | 29,013,000          | 33,018,000          | not available       | 36,919,000         | 39,948,000         |
| Portugal (12 months)               | 1904.<br>18,960,000 | 1905.<br>13,653,000 | 1906.<br>18,588,000 | 1904.<br>6,916,000  | 1905.<br>6,518,000 | 1906.<br>6,383,000 |

\* European, Russo-Finnish and Black Sea Frontiers.  
† Including bullion and specie.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the "Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions, including figures received up to 30th November," to be obtained from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

### MINERALS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The "Australian Mining Standard" publishes the following notes on the metals and minerals of value occurring in the State of Western Australia, which have been prepared by Mr. E. S. Simpson, Government Mineralogist of that State:—

**Antimony.**—Workable lodes of this metal occur at Mosquito Creek, Mallina Peewah, and Sherlock Crossing, in the North-West. The latter are now being opened up. The others are not being worked on account of distance from port and market, and irregular price of the metal. Most of these ores are more or less gold bearing.

**Bismuth** occurs at Yalgoo, but has never been worked for similar reasons to those above.

**Zinc.**—This metal is now being raised for export at Mundijong. It is known to occur also in important quantities at West Kimberley, Roebourne, Croydon, Northampton, Murrin, &c. Neglected at present owing to cost of placing on European markets.

**Manganese.**—Very pure manganese ores occur on the Upper Ashburton, at Pinyalling (Yalgoo), at Ravensthorpe, and elsewhere on the south coast. These are well suited for use as a flux at general smelting works or for the preparation of high quality iron and steel from iron ores. Nothing is being done with any of them at present so far as is known.

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**Tungsten.**—A metal largely used for alloying with steel to give exceptionally hard and tough metal for projectiles, armour plate, lathe-tools, &c. Its two ores (wolfram and scheelite) are in constantly increasing demand in Europe and America at prices ranging about 170*l.* per ton. Ores which should pay to work at present rates are known to occur at Mosquito, Wodgina, Northampton, Coolgardie, Higginsville, Southern Cross, Brookton, and Ravenshorpe. A small parcel of ore has recently been exported from the last-named place, but elsewhere it has been neglected, largely owing to a lack of knowledge of its value.

**Aluminium.**—Large deposits of bauxite, the ore from which aluminium is smelted, occur amongst the so-called ironstone gravels of the Darling Ranges, from Wongan Hills on the north to Bridgetown on the south. These will no doubt be utilised at no very distant date.

**Tantalum.**—Ores of this metal are probably more abundant in Western Australia than anywhere else in the world. As the use of this metal is in the experimental stages, the demand is very irregular as yet.

**Molybdenum** is another rare metal in constant demand for hardening steel. It is known to occur at several localities, *e.g.*, Toodyay and Wagin.

**Asbestos.**—True chrysotile asbestos of the highest quality, worth up to 60*l.* a ton, occurs in quantities near Tambourah, and is now about to be exploited. Lower grades of this mineral are abundant in very many parts of the State, and though in the past valueless, will shortly be of much value for paper making, the demand for this purpose increasing daily.

**Mica.**—Mica of excellent quality occurs on the Gascoyne, and will be opened up when transport is not so difficult as at present. Mica has also in the past been raised for export at Bindoon, Mullalyup, and Londonderry.

**Infusorial Earth.**—This material, worth from 4*l.* to 6*l.* per ton, is very abundant in the Swan district, in the valley of the Irwin River, and on the south coast. It is used for making dynamite, disinfectant, and fire-proof materials.

**Monazite.**—A constant demand exists for this mineral for the preparation of incandescent lights. It is now known to occur at Moolyella with the tin ore. It is there of exceptionally high grade of a present value of 120*l.* per ton.

Copper is very widely distributed throughout the State.

**Iron Ore.**—The Yampi Sound iron ore is extremely pure, and similar to that at the Weld Ranges. It should be possible to export ore from Yampi at a profit, as the deposit is right on the coast.

Lead is abundant in the North-West and Northampton districts.

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## INDO-CHINESE-TURKESTAN TRADE *VIA* LADAKH IN 1906-7.

A supplement to the "Indian Trade Journal" contains a report by the Special Assistant for Chinese Affairs to the Resident in Kashmir (Mr. G. Macartney) on Indo-Chinese-Turkestan Trade *via* Ladakh\* for the year ending 31st March, 1907.

Under the heading "Imports from India into Chinese Turkestan" the report states that cotton quilts are in moderate demand. Owing to the weight and bulk of this material, the cost of its transport takes away much from the profit of its sale.

Germany appears to have supplied a certain amount of flannelettes, the demand for which is good, and promises well for the future. Khotan dyers buy this material and, colouring it red or black, sell it at about double price as broadcloth.

The imports of European manufactured silk piece-goods consisted chiefly of velvets of German make, the demand for which is yearly on the increase. In former years such materials were used in Kashgharia for hats only; now, however, with the extravagance noticeable in the towns, their use has largely been extended to dress generally. Most of the velvets imported from India had stamped on them in gold Arabic letters the towns in Chinese Turkestan where the special sort was in demand. Thus the pieces bore such inscriptions as: "Yarkandmen-Bab," "Aksu-men-Bab," "Khotan-men-Bab."

Apart from velvets Germany supplied a sort of black satin (glossy silk surface on a cotton foundation). This material has found a ready sale not only in Kashgharia, but also in the Ili country where it is in demand amongst the Chinese for the making of the outer garment known as the "Ma-kuatsu."

Regarding manufactured woollen piece-goods there was a small quantity of Kashmir "shal" imported. The fashion has set in somewhat for natives of Turkestan to wear this material as a turban in cold weather. Those pieces of "shal" which have embroidered flowers at the two ends do not appear to find favour, but, in Mr. Macartney's opinion, if the pieces were made in lengths of about four yards in a snuff colour and with the ends finished off with a simple blue stripe, they would suit the market conditions of the country better. In addition to "shals" some 30 maunds of German broadcloth and flannels were imported. The demand for these was active.

Alluding to the methods which the Russians are now employing for the encouragement of their trade with Kashgharia, Mr. Macartney says:—"These would appear to be of a threefold nature—(1) bounties on imports such as cotton piece-goods, matches, petroleum, and sugar; (2) improved transport arrangements;

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\* For reference to previous report on this trade, see "Board of Trade Journal" of 28th March last, pp. 636-8.

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*Indo-Chinese-Turkestan Trade viâ Ladakh in 1906-7.*

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and (8) credit facilities. As regards transport, the new cart-road, now all but completed between Kashghar and Narin, and in course of construction between Narin and the rail head of Andijan, should improve the situation considerably. The present freight from Moscow to Kashghar by the Osh route should work out at about nine roubles a maund; but with the establishment of wheel traffic between Kashghar and Andijan, a significant fall in the transport charges is certain to follow. Moreover, transport work will probably, in a short time, be taken out of the hands of individual native carriers; already one of the great Russian carrying companies is in negotiation with traders with Russia for the fixing of a rate between Kashghar and Osh, and for the monopoly of the carriage of their goods. As regards credit, the Russians, realising that the natives can command little or no ready cash, have initiated a system, in concert with the Russo-Chinese Bank at Kashghar, whereby a man's trading capital may practically become doubled. This system can be best explained by an example. An exporting merchant, we will suppose, purchases wool at Khotan for 100 roubles. This wool brought to Kashghar will have had its value increased to, say, 110 roubles. The merchant wishes to raise a loan in order to buy more goods. He hands over to the Bank, as security, the wool he has, and the Bank advances him, say, a sum of 100 roubles, charging him its usual interest at 8 per cent. per annum. But the wool already bought must be sent to Russia. The Bank as Commission Agent makes the necessary transport arrangements on behalf of the exporter—nay more—holds itself responsible for the safe arrival of the goods. At the town of destination in Russia the wool is handed back to the exporter on his refunding his indebtedness to the Bank. In the converse case of the importing of Russian goods to Kashghar, the Bank is equally helpful. It effects purchases as a Commission Agent, and makes all arrangements, at its own risk, for the despatch of goods to Kashghar."

In the matter of imports to Kashgharia, it cannot be denied, says Mr. Macartney, that English cotton piece-goods have suffered considerably through Russian competition: roughly, the present consignments have been reduced to less than one-half of what they were ten years ago.

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## PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES.

### PROTECTORATE OF SOUTHERN NIGERIA.

The "Southern Nigeria Government Gazette" for 16th October last contains copy of a Bill which is about to be introduced into the Legislative Council to amend the "Customs Amendment Proclamation, 1905." The Bill, which it is stated is published for general information, provides for the free importation, from 1st January, 1908, of the following articles in the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria:—

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| Sugar    | Beef                    |
| Flour    | Pork                    |
| Bread    | Fish, salted and cured. |
| Biscuits |                         |

## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

### DOMINION OF CANADA.

A copy of a Customs Memorandum (No. 1,446B), dated 27th November, 1907, has been received, notifying that, under section 286 of the Customs Act, the following articles used as materials in Canadian manufactures shall, on importation into the Dominion of Canada, be classed for duty as follows:—

| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | Rates of Duty.                  |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 712          | Coal tar base or salt, for use in the manufacture of coal tar dyes ... ..   | Free                            |
| 713          | Crude bromides, for the production of bromine... ..   | Free                            |
| 714          | Lenses and shutters, when imported by manufacturers of cameras or kodaks, for use only in the manufacture of cameras or kodaks ... ..   | Free                            |
| 715          | Special parts of brass and aluminium, in the rough, when imported by manufacturers of cameras or kodaks, for use only in the manufacture of cameras or kodaks—<br>Under the British Preferential Tariff ... ..<br>" Intermediate Tariff ... ..<br>" General Tariff ... .. | 5 % ad val.<br>7½ % "<br>7½ % " |
| 716          | Iron tubing, lacquered or brass covered, not over 2 in. in diameter, in the rough, for use only in the manufacture of extension rods for windows, when imported by manufacturers of such rods ... ..  | Free                            |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

With reference to the regulations which have from time to time been published in the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting the method of payment of such duties as are leviable on advertising matter\* imported into the Australian Commonwealth, the Board of Trade have now received a statement from the Representative of the Commonwealth in London setting forth the regulations at present in force:—

The duty on such advertising matter as is now dutiable may be paid by any of the methods specified hereunder:—

(a) The weight of any one mail may be bulked by the consignor and duty at 6d. per lb. remitted in one sum to the Deputy Postmaster-General of the State to which the catalogues, &c., are addressed.

(b) Duty may be paid on total weight of any one mail by consignor's agent in the Commonwealth.

(c) By affixing fiscal stamps to each package covering the amount of duty payable on such package. Fiscal stamps can be purchased at the Commonwealth Offices in London (72, Victoria Street, S.W.).

Duty stamps should be cancelled by writing or stamping the date on the face of each before posting.

(d) By placing in one package each series of packets for each State, stamping the package with the total amount due on the enclosures instead of stamping the enclosures themselves and address the package to the Deputy Postmaster-General of the State—the latter will see that the enclosures are duly distributed to the addressees.

Such packages should bear the endorsement "For distribution, Customs Duty prepaid."

(e) If neither of the above methods be followed duty will be collected in Australia.

The Commonwealth Government further state that duty is levied even on single copies addressed to individuals, provided that the total duty payable on such single copies forwarded by any one consignor by any one mail to any one State of the Commonwealth does not exceed one shilling.

It may also be mentioned that duty is levied on "insets" introduced in magazines, &c.

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\* The rates of duty leviable on advertising matter under the new Australian Tariff (item 352) are specified in the preceding notice of Tariff amendments.

## *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

### AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.

Information has been received from the Representative of the Commonwealth in London to the effect that the new Customs Tariff has now passed the Commonwealth House of Representatives. The following are the remaining tariff items which have been amended so as to read as in the annexed table:—

| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
|--------------|---|-----------------|---|
| DIVISION VI. |   |                 |   |
| 152          | Stripper harvesters ... .. each   | £12¶            | £12¶  |
| 153          | Strippers ... .. "  | £6¶             | £6¶   |
| 154          | Metal parts of stripper harvesters and strippers ... .. per lb.   | 1½d.¶           | 1½d.¶   |
| DIVISION IX. |   |                 |   |
| 294          | Perfumery, &c. ... .. ad val.   | 30 %††          | 25 %††  |
| DIVISION X.  |   |                 |   |
| 308          | Brushmakers' woodware and turnery ... .. ad val.  | 30 %            | 25 %*   |
| 309          | Tool handles, unattached ... .. "   | 20 %            | 15 %*   |
| 309(a)       | Axe, scythe and bentwood handles ... .. "   | 15 %*           | 15 %*   |
| 313          | Buggy shafts, bent but not dressed ... .. "   | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| 314          | Buggy shafts, bent and dressed... .. "  | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| 315          | Shafts, n.e.i., in the rough ... .. "   | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| 316          | Shafts, n.e.i., dressed ... .. "  | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| 317          | Bent poles, rough ... .. "  | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| 318          | Bent poles, dressed ... .. "  | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| 319          | Whiffle-tree bars ... .. "  | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| 320          | Shaft bars ... .. "   | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| 321          | Casks, barrels and vats, n.e.i., empty ... .. "   | 35 %            | 30 %*   |
| 322          | Hogsheads, secondhand, empty... .. "  | 35 %*           | 30 %*   |
| 323          | Shooks—<br>Hogshead, secondhand... .. each<br>(The remaining portion of item 323 was passed without alteration).  | 5s.*            | 5s.*  |
| 324          | Buckets and tubs, wooden ... ad val.  | 30 %*           | 25 %*   |
| DIVISION XI. |   |                 |   |
| 325          | Fancy goods; including card cases; snuff and match boxes; purses, n.e.i., wallets; thimbles; serviette rings; button-hooks; shoe-horns and lifts; glove stretchers; toys, other than dolls undressed; ivory and other ornamental figures; feather dusters; paper parasols; articles used for outdoor and indoor games; fishing appliances, n.e.i., and articles, n.e.i., used for ornamental purposes, or partly for use and partly for ornament, including fancy ground and cut glass bottles of over 5 drams of fluid capacity, containing goods not subject to ad valorem duty, and stoppers for such bottles<br>ad val. | 30 %*           | 25 %  |

\* With effect from 7th December, 1907.

¶ With effect from 13th December, 1907.

†† With effect from 5th December, 1907. The rates given in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 12th December last were cabled in error by the Commonwealth Government.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item.                   | Articles.   | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
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| <b>DIVISION XI.—continued.</b> |   |                 |   |
| 325 (a)                        | Dolls, undressed ... ..   | Free            | Free  |
| 326                            | Combs (toilet) and shaving sets, not included under item 384 ...ad val.   | 25 %            | 20 %*   |
| 327                            | Pencils of wood but not including pencils with metal or other clamps or attachments, also penholders of wood (including metal attachments for nibs) [In this item the only alteration is in the text.*]   | Free            | Free  |
| 328                            | School pen and pencil sets and boxes ...  | Free*           | Free*   |
| 331                            | Jewellery, unfinished, being settings and mounts for bracelets, brooches, necklets and rings unset or set with imitation stones ... ..ad val. [In the above item the rates of duty remain as originally proposed, but the text has been modified.*]   | 40 %            | 35 %  |
| 332                            | Jewellery commonly known as rolled gold; and jewellery under 9 carat ad val. [In the above item the rates of duty remain as originally proposed, but the text has been modified.*]  | 40 %            | 35 %  |
| 334                            | Jewellery, n.e.i., including bolt and split rings; swivels; ear wires; bars and stampings; used in manufacture of jewellery; medals and medallions of gold and silver; links and studs of all kinds; buckles, badges, clasps, slides, buttons and other ornaments of gold or silver for attire; combined bracelets and watches; gold, silver, or plated safety pins; gold or silver bags or purses; alberts of all materials, and all articles, n.e.i., partly or wholly made of gold or silver, including gold and silver lace ... ..ad val. [In the above item the rates of duty remain as originally proposed, but the text has been modified.*] | 30 %            | 25 %  |
| 334 (a)                        | Imitation jewellery, n.e.i., and imitation precious stones ... ..ad val.  | 40 %*           | 35 %*   |
| 335                            | This item has been deleted.*  |                 |   |
| 338                            | Watch and clock main and hair springs; compasses of all kinds, except for external wear (except those of gold or silver or mounted in gold or silver); ships' chronometers, patent logs, and sounding machines; microscopes; telescopes; barometers and thermometers, except advertising ad val. [In the above item the rate of duty remains as originally proposed, but the text has been modified.*]  | 5 %             | Free  |

\* With effect from 7th December, 1907.

# *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

## **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item.                   | Articles.  | General Tariff.    | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
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| <b>DIVISION XI.—continued.</b> |  |                    |   |
| 339                            | Kinematographs, including sensitized and exposed films; kinetoscopes; bioscopes ... .. ad val.<br>[In the above item the rates of duty remain as originally proposed, but the text has been modified.*]  | 35 %               | 25 %  |
| 339 (a)                        | Talking machines, graphophones, gramophones, phonographs, commercial or business, including all accessories: ...   | Free*              | Free*   |
| 341                            | Spectacles and spectacle frames (not being gold) and glasses for spectacles ... .. ad val.<br>[In this item the rate of duty remains as originally proposed, but the text has been modified.*]   | 10 %               | Free  |
| <b>DIVISION XII.</b>           |  |                    |   |
| 347                            | Rubber manufactures, n.e.i., and articles, n.e.i., in which rubber forms a part; bandages, elastic stockings, leggings, knee caps, thigh-pieces and wristlets; hat-makers' press bags and rings; gas bags; soles, pads and heels; cash mats; rubbered tyre fabric; tyre rubber; tyres not accompanying cycles or vehicles; tubes, valved or unvalved; rubber stoppers or corks ... .. ad val.<br>[In this item the rates of duty remain as originally proposed, but some of the text has been deleted.*] | 25 %               | 20 %  |
| 348                            | Rubber and rubber manufactures, viz.—Indiarubber, crude or powdered; reclaimed; rubber waste; hard rubber in sheets; rubber thread; boot and apparel elastics; masticated rubber; indiarubber syringes; enemas, injection bottles, urinals; air and water beds, air cushions and pillows, surgical tubing ... ..<br>[Additions have been made to the text in the above item.*]   | Free               | Free  |
| 350                            | (b) Leather, viz., kid and patent and enamelled leather ... .. ad val.<br>The following new sub-items are inserted—<br>(c) Leather, viz.—Calf, n.e.i., white sheep and white lamb ... .. ad val.<br>(d) Leather, n.e.i. ... ..<br>(e) Belt butts ... ..  | 25 %*              | 25 %*   |
| 351                            | Leather, viz.—<br>(a) Crust, and rough tanned goat skivers, Persian and sheep skins ...<br>The following new sub-item is inserted—<br>(c) Chamois leather ... ..   | Free*<br><br>Free* | Free*<br><br>Free*  |

\* With effect from 7th December, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** *(continued)*

| Tariff item. | Articles.  | General Tariff.  | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom.   |
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| 352          | <p><b>DIVISION XIII.</b></p> <p>Paper, viz.—</p> <p>(a) Manufactures of, framed including the weight of the frames, or unframed, having advertisements thereon, including price lists, n.e.i., trade catalogues, n.e.i., show cards, n.e.i., and all printed or lithographed matter, pictures, n.e.i., and posters of all kinds, used or intended to be used for advertising purposes; also all printed bags and cartons; calendars and almanacs, n.e.i. per lb. [The rates of duty remain as originally proposed in the above item, but additions have been made to the text.†]</p> <p>(aa) Catalogues, price lists, show cards, or pictures, issued by or referring to goods of any manufacturer or producer, not having an established place of business in Australia, and all printed matter and photographs, the property of any public institution, and intended for deposit or exhibition thereby ... ..</p> <p>(b) Australian directories, guides, and time tables ... ..per lb.</p> <p>(c) Printed matter, n.e.i. (except newspapers registered for transmission through the post), being or containing advertisements including magazines containing advertisements, being more than <math>\frac{1}{4}</math>th of the printed matter contained within the outside covers ... ..</p> <p>(d) Printing, in rolls or folios known as newspaper, to be used exclusively for newspapers under departmental bye-laws, in sizes of not less than 20 in. by 25 in., or its equivalent ...</p> <p>(dd) Printing, n.e.i. (a new sub item)</p> <p>(e) Writing (plain), cut less than 16 in. by 13 in. ... ..ad val.</p> <p>(f) Ruled and bordered papers ..</p> <p>(g) Browns, and sugar (grey, blue and other tints), fruit bag paper, candle blue and grey paper, candle carton paper ... ..per cwt.</p> <p>(h) Cartridge and blotting ..</p> <p>(i) Strawboard ... ..</p> <p>(j) Bags ... ..</p> | <p>6d.</p> <p>Free†</p> <p>6d.</p> <p>Free†</p> <p>Free†</p> <p>15 %</p> <p>25 %</p> <p>5s.†</p> <p>5s.†</p> <p>1s. 6d.†</p> <p>8s.†</p> | <p>6d.</p> <p>Free†</p> <p>4d.†</p> <p>Free†</p> <p>Free</p> <p>Free†</p> <p>10 %†</p> <p>20 %†</p> <p>4s. 6d.†</p> <p>4s. 6d.†</p> <p>1s. 6d.†</p> <p>7s. 6d.†</p> |

† With effect from 9th December, 1907.

‡ With effect from 10th December, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item. | Articles.  | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
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|              | <b>DIVISION XIII—continued.</b>  |                 |   |
|              | (k) N.e.i., including cardboard ; paste-board ; pulpboard ; cloth-lined boards ; and cloth-lined paper ; floor paper ; paperhangings or wall-papers ; and toilet paper in roll or packets... ..ad val.<br>This sub-item was passed unaltered, except that the following have been deleted therefrom, and are to form sub-item— | 20 %            | 15 %  |
|              | (kk) Millboard, greyboard, leather-board, woodboard and manila board<br>ad val.  | 5 %†            | Free†   |
|              | (l) Flint or surface-coated paper, plain or embossed, also marble and foil paper, and boxmakers' borderings and lace paper ... ..ad val.   | Free†           | Free†   |
|              | (ll) Coated boards which, at the size of a single royal, 20 in. by 25 in. or its equivalent, weigh 80 lbs. or over, per ream of 480 sheets ... ..ad val.<br>(The above is a new sub-item.)   | 25 %†           | 20 %†   |
|              | (o) Vesta and matchboxes, having advertisements thereon, empty<br>per gross  | 6d.†            | 6d.†  |
|              | (r) Paper shavings and waste paper, for paper making ... ..  | Free†           | Free  |
|              | (t) Pulp, for manufacturing paper ...  | Free†           | Free  |
|              | (v) True vegetable parchment ...   | Free†           | Free  |
|              | (x) Copying tissue and tissue cap paper and paper patterns in sheets or rolls, weight not to exceed 9 lbs. for 500 sheets, 20 in. by 30 in. ... ..   | Free†           | Free†   |
|              | The following sub-items have been inserted—  |                 |   |
|              | (y) Monotype paper for use in the monotype machine ... ..  | Free†           | Free†   |
|              | (z) Baryta surface coated paper or boards for photographic purposes ... ..   | Free†           | Free†   |
| 353          | (a) Stationery, manufactured, &c.<br>ad val.<br>"Calendars and almanacs, n.e.i., inkstands, pictures of all kinds, n.e.i., pencils, n.e.i., fountain pens, rulers, and academy boards," were deleted, whilst postcards, n.e.i., were added to this item†, which was passed without further alteration.                         | 30 %            | 25 %  |

† With effect from 10th December, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item.                     | Articles.  | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
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| <b>DIVISION XIII.—continued.</b> |  |                 |   |
| 355                              | Printing ink, invoiced at 6d. and under per lb. ... ..ad val.  | 30 %\$          | 25 %\$  |
| 358                              | Kindergarten materials prescribed by departmental by-laws ... ..   | Free\$          | Free  |
| 360                              | The following sub-items were added to item 360 which otherwise remains unaltered—<br>(a) Inkstands, fountain pens, pencils, n.e.i., and rulers ... ..ad val.<br>(b) Academy boards... ..ad val.      | 5 %\$<br>5 %\$  | Free\$<br>Free\$  |
| 364                              | This item has been deleted, but it is stated that "Photographs sent by friends and not for the purpose of sale" are retained on the free list.   |                 |   |
| 365                              | School and drawing slates; slate pencils ad val.<br>The words "and school colours in boxes" have been deleted from this item which was passed without further amendment.§                            | 5 %             | Free  |
| 366                              | Stay paper and stay cloth, gummed on one side, in rolls cut to a width of not more than two inches ... ..ad val.   | 5 %\$           | Free\$  |
| 367                              | Licht-pausaroh papier leatherette ad val.<br>The word "leatherette" was added to this item, which was passed without further amendment.§   | 5 %             | Free  |
| 368                              | Books, n.e.i., prospectuses and catalogues (other than trade, n.e.i.) and all printed matter, n.e.i. ... ..<br>This item was passed with the addition of the words "and all printed matter, n.e.i."§ | Free            | Free  |
| <b>DIVISION XIV.</b>             |  |                 |   |
| 369                              | Bicycles, tricycles, and similar vehicles, n.e.i., and frames thereof, whether partly or wholly finished ...ad val.  | 30 %\$          | 25 %\$  |
| 370                              | Children's tricycles, &c. ... ..ad val.<br>In this item "tricycles, &c.," is substituted for the word "cycles."§   | 25 %            | 20 %  |
| 371                              | Motor cycles, tricycles and similar vehicles, n.e.i., and frames thereof, whether partly or wholly finished ad val.  | 30 %\$          | 25 %\$  |
| 372                              | Cycle tubing and fork sides in the rough; liners, including bent tubing not brazed or plated; balls ... ..   | Free\$          | Free  |
| 373                              | Perambulators and go-carts and parts thereof, n.e.i. ... ..ad val.   | 30 %\$          | 25 %\$  |

§ With effect from 11th December, 1907.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item.                    | Articles.  | General Tariff.                            | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
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| <b>DIVISION XIV.—continued.</b> |  |  |   |
| 374                             | Perambulator or go-cart body and under-gear ... ..ad val.  | 20 %§                                      | 15 %§   |
| 375                             | Cycle parts plated, brased, enamelled or permanently joined (including rims); cycle accessories and parts thereof, including steel trouser clips, steel toe clips, and bands, parcel carriers, inflator clips and connections, bells, saddles, saddle covers, tool bags, repair outfits and the like ...ad val.  | 15 %§                                      | 10 %§   |
| 376                             | Cycle parts, n.e.i., including steel bars for the manufacture of rims; also unfinished parts, namely, ball heads, bottom brackets, lugs, fork ends, bridges, sprocket wheels, nipples, spokes, spoke-washers, n.e.i., and all valves for tyres; chains, cyclometers, speedometers, inflators, hubs and pedals ... ..ad val.  | 5 %§                                       | Free§   |
| 377                             | Vehicles, sub-items (A) to (H) ... ..<br>All these sub-items are now charged similar rates of duty—viz. 35 per cent. ad valorem under the General Tariff, and 30 per cent. ad valorem under the United Kingdom Tariff.<br>Sub-items (I) and (J) have each been sub-divided thus—<br>(I) (a) Bodies for motor lorries and wagons, and parts thereof, n.e.i. ad val.<br>(b) Chassis for motor lorries and wagons ... ..ad val.<br>(J) (a) Bodies for motor cars and parts thereof, n.e.i. ...ad val.<br>(b) Chassis for motor cars and one set of rubber tyres for one car ... ..ad val. | 35 %<br><br>35 %§<br>5 %§<br>35 %§<br>5 %§ | 30 %<br><br>30 %§<br>Free§<br>30 %§<br>Free§                      |
| <b>DIVISION XV.</b>             |  |  |   |
| 381                             | Pianos, viz.—<br>(a) Grand and semi-grand ...ad val.<br>(b) Upright, except outside packages in which pianos are ordinarily imported when containing such goods ad val.<br>(c) N.e.i.... ..<br>(d) Parts thereof, n.e.i., under departmental bye-laws ... ..ad val.  | 30 %  <br><br>30 %  <br>30 %  <br>20 %     | 25 %  <br><br>25 %  <br>25 %  <br>15 %                            |

§ With effect from 11th December, 1907.

|| With effect from 12th December, 1907

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| Tariff Item. | Articles.  | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
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|              | <b>DIVISION XV.—continued.</b>   |                 |   |
| 382          | Musical instruments, parts of, and accessories; actions in separate parts; springs, felts and felting; hammers and ivories; handles and hinges for pianos; violin, mute and chin rests; holders for attaching to band or orchestral instruments; pianola, æolian and similar records for rendering music by mechanical power ... ..  | Free            | Free  |
| 383          | Military band and orchestral musical instruments, &c.... ..<br>"Flageolets, not being toys," are added to this item.   | Free            | Free  |
|              | <b>DIVISION XVI.</b>   |                 |   |
| 384          | Bags, baskets, &c.—  |                 |   |
|              | Items (A) and (B) ... ..ad val.  | 30 %            | 25 %  |
| 386          | Articles which bear advertisements, and which would not otherwise be dutiable at a higher rate of duty under any other heading, including all articles which would be otherwise Free if without advertisements thereon.ad val.<br>[The rates of duty in the above item remain as originally proposed, but the text has been entirely altered.  ]                               | 25 %            | 25 %  |
| 388          | Filters, n.e.i. ... ..ad val.  | 15 %            | 15 %  |
| 395          | Rope, cordage, and twines, n.e.i., including cordage with metal core; macrame twines; fleece thread: brushmakers' and mattress twine; roping, seaming, and shop twines; and halters, and other articles, n.e.i. manufactured from cord or twine ... ..ad val.<br>[The rates of duty in the above item remain as originally proposed, but some of the text has been deleted   ] | 25 %            | 25 %  |
| 396          | Fishing and rabbit nets and netting therefor, fish hooks, floats for fishing nets, and lines ... ..ad val.   | 5 %             | Free  |
| 397          | Yarns—<br>New item inserted—<br>(bb) Cotton yarns .. ..ad val.<br>[The duties under items (a) to (d) were otherwise passed unaltered, except that cotton yarn will be admitted Free, as a "minor article," for the manufacture of cordage.]  | 15 %            | 10 %  |

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*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH—continued.**

| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General Tariff.   | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom.   |
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|              | <b>DIVISION XVI.—continued.</b>   |   |   |
| 399          | Sewing and embroidery silks and twists, household threads and cottons, sewing threads and cottons, n.e.i. for manufacturing purposes and saddlers' twines   | Free  | Free  |
| 402          | Copying apparatus for duplicating type-writing and the like ... ..ad val.   | 20 %  | 15 %  |
| 403          | Fumigators, atomizers, odorizers, vaporizers, and the like ... ..ad val.  | 20 %  | 15 %  |
| 404          | Cork mats and other manufactures of cork, n.e.i. ... ..ad val.<br>[The rates of duty in the above item remain as originally proposed, but some of the text has been deleted.]]  | 15 %  | 15 %  |
| 405          | Corks—<br>(a) Small corks (up to 8-oz. bottles), bungs and rings ... ..<br>(b) n.e.i. ... ..  | Free  <br>Free  | Free  <br>Free  |
| 406          | Explosives, viz.—<br>(a) Cartridges, n.e.i., filled ...ad val.<br>(b) Fireworks ... ..ad val.<br>(c) Fuse, n.e.i., per coil of 24 feet or less, and in proportion for any greater quantity ... ..per coil<br>(d) Powder, sporting ... ..ad val.<br>(e) Wads for cartridges... ..ad val.<br>(f) Cartridges for military purposes ...ad val.<br>(g) Mining fuses, electrical ...ad val.<br>[The sub-items (f), (h), (i), (j), and (l) were passed unaltered.] | 20 %  <br>30 %  <br><br>1d.  <br>5 %  <br>5 %  <br><br>5 %<br>5 % | 15 %  <br>25 %<br><br>1d.  <br>Free  <br>Free  <br><br>Free<br>Free |
| 407          | Lantern slides; photographic sensitized films and paper; photographic mounts; photographic backgrounds (mounted or unmounted); photographs of Australian subjects; postcards (sensitized or without letterpress); powdered magnesium; sulphite of soda; metabisulphite of potash; nitrate of silver and chloride of gold ... ..ad val.<br>(a) Cameras and magic lanterns or optical lanterns, including lenses and accessories ... ..ad val.                | 30 %  <br><br>5 %   | 25 %<br><br>Free  |
| 408          | Photographic accessories of rubber, not being integral parts of cameras ... ..ad val.   | 25 %  | 20 %  |
| 409          | Photographic [dry plates and negatives ... ..ad val.  | 20 %  | 10 %  |
| 411          | Smoking pipes, n.e.i., and cigar and cigarette holders and accessories; smokers' requisites, including cases, tobacco pouches, smokers' sets, boxes, match stands, ash trays, smokers' lamps, cigar stands and lighters ... ..ad val.   | 25 %  | 20 %  |

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| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General<br>Tariff. | Tariff on goods<br>the produce or<br>manufacture of<br>the United<br>Kingdom. |
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|              | <b>DIVISION XVI.—continued.</b>   |                    |   |
| 412          | Clay smoking pipes ... per gross  | 1s. 6d.            | 1s.   |
| 413          | Works of art, framed or unframed, imported for public institutions or purposes under Departmental by-laws<br>[In the above item the text has been altered.   ]  | Free               | Free  |
| 414          | Works of arts, being statuary, not being less than £10 in value ...   | Free               | Free  |
| 415          | Paintings, oil or water colour, invoiced at less than £5 value ...  | Free               | Free  |
| 416          | Pictures, n.e.i., including scripture of all kinds ...<br>(a) Pictures being coloured supplements for newspapers under Departmental bye-laws ... per lb.  | Free               | Free  |
| 419          | Cotton, asbestos, and other packings, including sheet asbestos and cord<br>ad. val.<br>[The word "yarn" has been deleted from this item.   ]  | 3d.                | 3d.   |
| 420          | Asbestos pipe and boiler covering; asbestos mattresses for boilers. ad. val.<br>["Asbestos millboard" has been deleted from this item.   ]  | 20 %               | 20 %  |
| 422          | Articles not included under any other heading of the Tariff, of celluloid, xylonite, bone, ivory, pulp, papier-maché, indurated fibre or asbestos<br>ad. val.<br>[The rates of duty remain as originally proposed in this item, but the text has been altered.   ]              | 25 %               | 25 %  |
| 423          | Surgical appliances, n.e.i., including belts, trusses, pads, corsets, braces, breast supporters, vaccination shields<br>ad. val.  | 25 %               | 20 %  |
| 425          | New sub-item inserted, viz. :—<br>(a) Articles imported or purchased in bond for the official use of the State Governors, and declared as being for such official use ...   | Free               | Free  |
| 434          | Pictorial illustrations and casts and models for teaching purposes when imported by and for the use of universities, colleges, schools or public institutions ...<br>[The words "or public institutions" have been added to this item.   ]                                      | Free               | Free  |
| 435          | Scientific instruments and apparatus (and materials for scientific purposes) for use in universities, colleges, schools, public hospitals, or any public institution under Departmental by-laws ...<br>[The words "or any public institution" have been added to this item.   ] | Free               | Free  |

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| Tariff Item. | Articles.  | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
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| 436          | <p><b>DIVISION XVI.—continued.</b><br/> <b>New sub-item inserted, viz. :—</b><br/> <b>435 (a)</b> Machinery specially designed and adapted for use in any university or public educational institution for the purpose of instruction to students only, and any article which has been bequeathed or donated to any public institution ... ..</p> <p><b>Surgical and dental and veterinary instruments and appliances (not being furniture), viz. :—</b><br/> Amputating; cupping; dissecting; examining and operating; veterinary; lint; gauzes; bandages, n.e.i.; ligatures; oil silk; poroplastic felt; splints and artificial limbs and eyes; surgical pessaries, except of glass; operation bags fitted with instruments; syringes, except of glass; galvano-cautery batteries and appliances; operating tables; dressing and instrument trays; accident emergency cases; hot air apparatus for legs and arms; X rays apparatus, except motors; snake bite outfits; medicated and absorbent wool and surgical dressings; aseptic paper; impression trays; dental rubber, dental alloy and cements; amalgam and gold fillings in pellets or cylinders ... ..</p> | Free            | Free  |
| 438          | <p>Trophies won abroad and decorations, medallions or certificates awarded or to be awarded and sent from abroad to individuals, and trophies or prizes sent by donors resident abroad for presentation or competition in Australia, under Departmental by-laws ...</p> <p>[Additions have been made to the text of this item.]</p>  | Free            | Free  |
| 400          | <p>Goods brought back to Australia by the person who was the owner or the legal representative of such owner, at the time of exportation, after exportation without drawback having been paid thereon, subject to the provisions of Section 151 of the Customs Act, 1901.</p> <p>[The text of this item has been entirely altered   .]</p>   | Free            | Free  |

|| With effect from 12th December, 1907.

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| Tariff Item. | Articles.   | General Tariff. | Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom. |
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|              | <b>DIVISION XVI.—continued.</b>   |                 |   |
| 441          | Blankets, rubber or wool for printing machines, top cloths for ruling machines when imported with the machines of which they form a necessary working part, one or more as required, for working the machine and felts and wires for paper making machines ... ..<br>[Wires for paper making machines have been added to this item.¶]               | Free            | Free  |
| 442          | (A) Instruments detailed in this item are exempt from duty only when made of other material than glass.<br>Such instruments when made of glass are dutiable (under new sub-item (A A)) as follows:— ad val.   | 20 %¶           | 15 %¶   |
| 444          | Outside packages, n.e.i., including the sole containing packages in which goods are ordinarily imported ...<br>[The text of this item has been modified.¶]  | Free            | Free  |
|              | <b>SCHEDULE RESPECTING REBATE FOR HOME CONSUMPTION.</b><br>The provision in the Schedule for a rebate of <i>three-fourths</i> of the duty paid on piece-goods of any material, when used in the manufacture of rubber waterproof cloth (item 124) is deleted ¶.<br>The whole of the Schedule respecting rebate for Home Consumption is now deleted. |                 |   |
|              | <b>EXCISE DUTIES.</b><br>Saccharin ... .. per lb.   |                 | 20s.¶   |

¶ With effect from 12th December.

NOTE.—The following items have been passed without alteration:—307, 310-2, 329, 330, 333, 336-7, 340, 342-6, 349, 350 (a), 351 (b), 352 (m), (n), (p), (q), (s), (u), and (w), 353 (b), 354, 356-7, 359, 361-3, 378-380, 385, 387, 389-393, 398, 400-1, 410, 417-8, 421, 424, 426-433, 437, 439, 442, sub-items (b) to (e) and 443.

No information has been received respecting item 394 (manure).

For the rates of duty leviable under the above-mentioned items, see the Supplement to the "Board of Trade Journal," for 19th September, 1907.

**DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.**

The "New Zealand Gazette" for 31st October last contains a Ministers' Order (No. 853), dated 29th October, 1907, giving the following list of decisions under the new Customs Tariff Act, respecting

**Customs  
Decisions.**

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND—continued.**

the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into the Dominion of New Zealand :—

| Articles.   | Rate of Import Duty on articles,<br>the growth, produce or<br>manufacture of |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | Foreign<br>Countries.  | Any part of the<br>British<br>Dominions. |
| Balances, precision, for chemical and physical experiments, with double bows, and hooks inside the bows, for specific-gravity work, and to carry a total load not exceeding 100 grams—<br>As assay balances ... ..  | Free   | Free                                     |
| Balances for physical experiments, to carry a total load not exceeding 250 grams, and with a beam which slides up and down and which can be fastened by a screw to any desired height—<br>As assay balances ... ..  | Free   | Free                                     |
| Chondrometers—<br>As manufactured articles of metal, n.o.e. ad val.   | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Cream-vats—<br>As manufactured articles of metal, n.o.e. ad val.  | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Machinery, refrigerating—viz., compressor (not including the engine, whether forming part of compressor or on a separate bed-plate) ... .. ad val.  | 5 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 15 %                                     | 5 %                                      |
| Machinery and appliances—viz., pumps, fans and blowers, brine-tanks, coil-pipes, for circulating ammonia or other gas, for condensing gas or circulating brine—<br>As manufactured articles of metal, n.o.e. (claimed as refrigerating machinery) ad val. | 20 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 30 %                                    | 20 %                                     |
| Machine, stereotype-casting—<br>As type-casting machine ... .. ad val.  | 5 % to 31st<br>March, 1908,<br>then 15 %                                     | 5 %                                      |
| Milk-testing apparatus—viz., burettes and pipettes—<br>As scientific apparatus ... ..   | Free   | Free                                     |
| Milk-testing apparatus—viz., cream-test scales, specially suited for laboratories—<br>As scientific apparatus ... ..  | Free   | Free                                     |
| Paste-stones, being imitation jewels—<br>As n.o.e. ... ..   | Free   | Free                                     |
| Spiral springs for the manufacture of musical instruments—<br>As articles and materials suited only for, and to be used solely in, the fabrication of goods in the Colony : ... ..  | Free   | Free                                     |

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***SOUTH AFRICA.**

The "Cape of Good Hope Government Gazettes" for 15th, 19th, and 22nd November last, respectively, contain Customs Notices (Nos. 59-62) giving the following Tariff decisions which have been issued by the Board of Control, for general information, respecting the rates of duty leviable on various articles imported into the South African Customs Union:—

| Articles and how classed.   | Tariff No. | Rates of Duty.  | Rebate allowed upon Goods, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom and reciprocating Colonies. |
|---|------------|---|---|
| <b>No. 59.</b>  |            |   |   |
| Acetylene gas generators... ..  | 98 B       | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>  | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| *Ayer's cherry pectoral and Ayer's sarsaparilla when containing less than 3 per cent. of alcohol and having the formula on bottle ... ..  | 175        | 15 % "  | 3 % "   |
| Drainage pipes, zinc, for ventilating purposes ... ..   | 175        | 15 % "  | 3 % "   |
| *Shredded wheat ... ..  | 17 A (2)   | 2/6 per 100 lbs.  | 3d. per 100 lbs.  |
| *Triscuit ... ..  | 17 A (2)   | 2/6 "   | 3d. "   |
| Woollen scarves, other than squares ...   | 175        | 15 % <i>ad val.</i>   | 3 % <i>ad val.</i>  |
| <b>No. 60.</b>  |            |   |   |
| Disinfectants manufactured by McDougal Bros.:—  |            |   |   |
| Carbolic acid (liquid) and fluid carbonate ... ..   | 175        | 15 % "  | 3 % "   |
| "A" soluble powder... ..  | 79         | 3 % "   | 3 % "   |
| Carbolic fluid, Nos. 5 and 6... ..  |            |   |   |
| "Karbo" ... ..  |            |   |   |
| Kudo-bacteria powder ... ..   |            |   |   |
| Non-poisonous purifier, No. 9 ...   |            |   |   |
| <b>No. 61.</b>  |            |   |   |
| Account books ... ..  | 43 B       | 25 % "  | 3 % "   |
| NOTE.—The term account book will include any book of which the pages are so ruled that it is clearly intended for use as an account book. |            |   |   |
| <b>No. 62.</b>  |            |   |   |
| Fruit wrapping paper, printed on ...  | 43 A       | 25 % <i>ad val.</i><br>or 2d. per lb.<br>whichever is the greater | 3 % "   |
|   | 43 B       | or  |   |
| *Paraldehyde ... ..   | 175        | 25 % <i>ad val.</i><br>15 % "                                     | 3 % "<br>3 % "  |

\* Revised decision.

## *Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

### SIERRA LEONE.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 417 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 29th August last respecting the introduction of a Bill into the Legislative Council proposing to repeal the Customs Duties Ordinance of 1903,\* and to empower the Governor-in-Council to alter by Order the Customs Tariff of the Colony, the Board of Trade have now received a copy of an Ordinance (No. 25 of 1907) which gives effect to the above proposal from 8th November last.

**Tariff  
Amendment  
affecting  
Machinery.**

### GERMANY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the following alterations, which are to come into force on the 1st January next, have recently been authorised by the Bundesrat in respect of the tare allowances on certain articles imported into Germany:—

| Tariff No. | Articles.                         | Method of Packing. | Tare Rates in Percentage of Gross Weight. |                      |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|
|            |                                   |                    | Present.                                  | From 1st Jan., 1908. |
| 208        | Condensed milk in blocks ... ..   | Cases              | 20  | 13                   |
| 920        | Brass nipples for bicycles ... .. | "                  | 13  | 7                    |

### GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of an Ordinance of the Governor of German East Africa, dated 11th October last, adding barbed wire to the list of articles which are exempted from duty on importation into the Colony.

**Duty-free  
Admission of  
Barbed Wire.**

### GERMANY—TOGOLAND.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a translation of an Ordinance of the Governor of Togoland, dated 20th September last, imposing an import duty of 5 marks per 100 kilogs. on fish of African origin, dried, salted, smoked, roasted, boiled or baked.

The same Ordinance also provides for the duty-free importation of coins and money tokens (*Geldzeichen*) of French currency up to the individual value of 20 marks.

\* The effect of this repeal is to only allow the free importation of "machinery for agricultural and industrial purposes" under the original Ordinance of 1900, instead of all classes of machinery, as provided for in the amending Ordinance of 1903.

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

The following is the substance of some Decisions affecting the application of the United States Customs Tariff, which have recently been issued by the Treasury Department at Washington :—

| Articles.   | Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable. | Rate of Duty.                                      |
|---|---|--|
| <i>Carbon discs</i> for use in the construction of electrical instruments but not for electric lighting ... ..<br>[This reverses a previous decision reported at p. 123 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 19th January, 1905.]  | Sec. 6  | 20 % <i>ad val.</i>                                |
| <i>Cotton and flax etamines</i> of whatever colour, whether in the piece or otherwise, and voiles or veilings ... ..  | 339   | 60 % "   |
| <i>Automobile ceilings</i> .—Silk fabrics 55 centimetres wide, which are of a light texture, have fancy borders, and are generally used in making veils for motoring, dutiable as silk veilings ... ..  | 390   | 60 % "   |
| <i>Women's collars</i> made of silk braid or cord or of both, dutiable under the specific provision in paragraph 390 of the Tariff for articles of wearing apparel made wholly or in chief value of silk. When applied they fall within the provision for appliquéd articles as well ... ..   | 390   | 60 % "   |
| <i>Type metal</i> .—An alloy in chief part of lead, containing 9 per cent. of antimony, dutiable as type metal ... ..   | 190   | { 1½ cents per lb. for the lead contained therein. |
| <i>Agate bearings</i> .—Small pieces of agate, cut, polished, and grooved, in preparation for their destined use as scale bearings, dutiable as "manufactures of agate . . . not specially provided for" ... ..<br>[This reverses a previous decision reported at p. 25 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 4th April, 1907.]       | 115   |  |
| <i>Hand-made surface-coated paper</i> , dutiable as hand-made paper, not as surface-coated paper not specially provided for ... ..<br>[This reverses a previous decision reported at p. 26 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 4th April, 1907.]  | 401   | { 3½ cents per lb. and<br>25 % <i>ad val.</i>      |
| <i>Collars and cuffs</i> in sets to be attached to women's garments, made of cotton braids sewn together by hand and ornamented with cotton cords and cotton threads, dutiable as wearing apparel "in imitation of lace" ... ..<br>[This reverses a decision reported at p. 226 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 2nd May, 1907.] | 339   | 60 % "   |

Chopaka (Washington) has been designated a sub-port of entry in the district of Puget Sound.  
**New Sub-port of Entry.**

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*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.*

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**CHINA.**

**Customs**  
**Treatment of**  
**Goods Imported**  
**into China from**  
**Russia by Land.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 128 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 18th July last on the subject of an agreement between the Russian and Chinese Governments, relating to the opening of Customs houses on the Manchurian frontier, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that, in accordance with a further arrangement between the two Governments, goods conveyed by the Chinese Eastern Railway from Russia to China are to pay two-thirds of the Treaty Tariff rates so long as they remain within the fixed areas of the railway stations. If conveyed thence to other parts of Manchuria, they are to pay the remaining one-third of the Treaty Tariff rates. If they are transported into China proper, a transit duty of one-half of the Treaty Tariff rates will be levied, *i.e.*, the goods will be in exactly the same position with regard to the payment of duties as goods imported into China by sea.

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**SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.****DENMARK.**

**New Fishing**  
**Harbour at the**  
**Skaw.**

H.M. Minister at Copenhagen reports the inauguration on the 19th November of the new fishing harbour at Skagen (the Skaw). The work, which cost 79,460*l.*, has taken three and a half years to complete. The harbour is provided with two moles (1,600 and 1,700 feet long) which run out into the open sea. The entrance between these moles is 200 feet broad. At the extremity of each mole is a light and a small protected arm behind which small boats can moor. Two cross moles divide the harbour into two basins of unequal size and from the quay a so-called centre pier projects which is provided with slips. The depth of water is stated to be from 12 to 14 feet.

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**FRANCE.**

**New Pilotage**  
**Tariff for**  
**Cherbourg.**

H.M. Consul at Cherbourg (Mr. M. E. Loftus) has forwarded a translation of the new pilotage tariff for that port, recently revised and greatly reduced by the French Government. The new tariff came into force on the 1st December. The translation may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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*Shipping and Transport.*

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**SIAM.**

H.M. Consul at Bangkok (Mr. W. R. D. Beckett) has forwarded a copy of the Administration Report on the traffic of the Royal State Railways in Siam for the year ended 31st March, 1907, in which the Director-General states that the financial results of the year's working have been most satisfactory. There were increases in both passenger and goods traffic, the latter indicating a wider use each year of the railway by the agricultural community in sending their produce to Bangkok. The total length of line under traffic remained the same as in 1905-6, viz., 423·79 kilometres of standard gauge and 151·05 kilometres of metre gauge. Operations are, however, being rapidly pushed forward upon the Northern line and upon a new Eastern line, the present objective of which is the town of Chachurng-Sao on Petruai, lying 64 kilometres due east of Bangkok, and the centre of a fertile rice-producing delta. The Director-General anticipates that during 1907 an additional 138 kilometres will be opened for traffic on the Northern line, thus taking railhead to Pitsanulok, and the Bangkok-Petruai line will also be opened.

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**ECUADOR.**

Referring to the notice on pp. 322-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for 16th August, 1906, the following particulars relating to railways under construction and projected in Ecuador, are taken from the recently published report of H.M. Consul at Guayaquil (Mr. A. Cartwright):—

"The Puerto Bolivar and Machala Railway advanced slowly during the years 1906-07 into the cocoa districts of the province, and has continued to render good service in bringing down the products to the sea-port.

"None of the other railways projected [with the exception of the Quito railroad] has been advanced in any way. The Huigra to Cuenca railroad project (see "Board of Trade Journal," 28th March, p. 643) has apparently been abandoned by the original projectors; the works on the road to Chone, in the Bahia cocoa district, though they were actually commenced with public funds, have been abandoned, and the small amount of material, &c., imported for them has been left exposed to loss and damage from climatic effects and from theft. Absolutely nothing has been done so far as regards the Curaray railroad (towards the Amazons district), the Santa Rosa to Zaruma road, or the roads from Guayaquil to Salinas, and from Manta to Santa Ana." (*Foreign Office, Annual Series*, 3,946.)

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## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY. NEW SOUTH WALES.

Referring to the notice on p. 326 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 14th November, respecting the discovery of  
**Manganese.** a deposit of manganese at Fifield (N.S.W.), the "Sydney Morning Herald" describes another deposit about 18 miles from Orange (N.S.W.), which is being worked by a syndicate, in the following terms:—

"It is an outcropping manganese lode, beneath which is a red oxide of iron formation 2 ft. 6 in. in width in the form of fairly fine powder. The surface formation is said to carry about 75 per cent. of manganese, 2 dwt. of gold, and 4 ozs. to 5 ozs. of silver; the red oxide shows traces only of gold and silver. The powdery deposit is in two distinct seams of colouration—one purple and the other brown. Portion of the deposit is intermixed with small lenticular veins of unoxidised red hematite, and is said, when ground up, to be richest in colouration. The Standard Paint Co., of Sydney, are experimenting with a parcel of eight tons of the material for paint manufacture, and the syndicate is said to be in negotiation with a German company to take a shipment of manganese, while other orders have been received. Some copper has been disclosed in the assays. Very little development work has been done on the property so far, but the assay value proclaims the deposit as being a valuable one."

## NORTHERN NIGERIA.

The following particulars of the tin-mining industry of Northern Nigeria are extracted from a report by Mr. James  
**Tin Industry.** Scott, C.E., contained in the report on the Colony for 1906-7, recently issued by the Colonial

Office:—

The Bauchi Tin Field is situated on the western boundary of the Province of Bauchi, in the Protectorate of Northern Nigeria, and extends into the Province of Zaria. The presence of tin in this district has evidently been known to the natives for a considerable time, and they have smelted it on a small scale for many years.

The total output of black tin (cassiterite containing 65 per cent. to 70 per cent. metal) from the Naraguta Tin Mines for the 12 months ending 31st January, 1907, was nearly 130 tons. The total output of tin smelted at the mine from the above for the eight months ending 31st December, 1906, was nearly 23½ tons. The quantity of black tin in stock at 31st January, 1907, was about 42 tons.

The total quantity of tin exported from Northern Nigeria during the year ending 31st December, 1906, amounted to 12 tons (11 tons ingots and 1 ton sands).

The progress of the tin mining industry is greatly handicapped by the very primitive methods of transport. The black tin and

### *Minerals, Metals, and Machinery.*

ingots are carried from the mines to Loko, on the river Benue, almost entirely by carriers, who are only able to carry a bag of black tin weighing 62 lb., or an ingot weighing 65 lb. The distance is about 190 miles and the journey takes 12 days. The Kano-Baro railway will at once give a new and shorter route, and in time no doubt the rail will run to the Bauchi highlands, and so bring the mining district within a couple of days of the Niger River.

Until the supply of water in the mining district is conserved by the construction of dams so as to enable the mining company to carry on operations throughout the year, the mining industry cannot assume large proportions. However, it is understood that the Niger Company are at present considering the question of constructing a large dam or series of dams across the Kogin Delimi above the present workings, whereby they would obtain an almost unlimited water supply. (*Colonial Reports, Annual, No. 551.*)

### FRANCE.

H.M. Consul-General at Marseilles (Mr. M. C. Gurney, M.V.O.)

**Importation of  
American Gas  
Coal at  
Marseilles.**

reports the arrival at that port of the ss. "Rhodesian" from Newport News, Virginia, with a cargo of 3,800 tons of American coal. It is understood that the coal was consigned to the largest importers of English coal at Marseilles under the order of the Marseilles Gas Company, and consisted of gas coal of the quality usually imported from the Tyne. The price paid was 22s. per ton, c.i.f. Marseilles, of which about 7s. was the cost of freight and other charges, as far as can be ascertained.

In 1900 considerable business commenced to be done in the importation of American coal, and in 1901 200,000 tons were imported. The importation fell, however, in 1902 to 14,000 tons and discontinued entirely in 1903, since when there have been no signs of revival until the present case. This consignment of American coal is considered locally to be an isolated instance and not likely to prove profitable, but should prices rise above their present level there is little doubt, says Mr. Gurney, that further shipments may be expected from the same quarter.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

According to a report by the United States Geological Survey the

**Manganese  
Production.**

year 1906 witnessed a marked revival of the American manganese industry, the output exceeding that of 1905, 1904 and 1903, and closely approaching the production of 1902. In 1906 the production of manganese ores amounted to 6,921 tons (of 2,240 lb.), valued at 88,132 dols., as compared with 4,118 tons, valued at

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—continued.**

36,214 dols., in 1905. All of this increase came from Virginia and Utah, for no other States produced any notable quantity of manganese in 1906.

In addition to the output of relatively high grade manganese ores, there is in Arkansas and Colorado a very important production of iron ores carrying 20 to 40 per cent. of manganese. Ores of this class amounted to 41,300 tons, valued at 122,400 dols., in 1906, as compared with 49,158 tons, valued at 117,139 dols., in 1905.

Besides the manganese ores and manganiferous iron ores, an important source of manganese in recent years has been the residual product from certain zinc oxide works using New Jersey ores. The crude ore as shipped to the zinc oxide plant consists of a mixture of franklinite and willemite, the former being predominant. After roasting off the bulk of the zinc the residue is a mass of manganese and iron oxides. The production of this manganiferous residuum in 1906 was 93,461 tons, as compared with 90,289 tons in 1905.

The production of ferromanganese and spiegeleisen in the United States in 1906 amounted to 300,500 tons, as compared with 289,983 tons in 1905.

The Geological Survey also report the production in the United States in 1906 of 928 net tons (of 2,000 lb.) of tungsten ores, estimated at about 348,867 dols. in value. The output for the year is a gain of 125 tons, or 15.56 per cent. in quantity, and of 80,191 dols. or 29 per cent. in value over the known production of 1905. Boulder County, Colorado, produced 565 tons, valued at 221,627 dols.

**Tungsten  
and Vanadium  
Production.**

During 1906 the actual production of vanadium from its ores was begun in Colorado, and a small output was made. A reduction plant was established at Newmire, and another plant, at which some vanadium concentrates were made, was put up on Dolores River. A company have built a plant at Pittsburg, Pa., for the manufacture of ferro-vanadium from ores imported from near Cerro de Pasco, Peru. The ore is a remarkable new sulphide of vanadium, called patronite, containing about 15 per cent. of vanadium. The deposits are said to be large.

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## YARNS AND TEXTILES.

### MEXICO.

According to the New York "Journal of Commerce," the sisal hemp producers of Yucatan have formed themselves into a Joint Stock Company. They met in Merida on 8th November, and elected a manager with instructions to provide for the financing of the new Association by arranging credits in Mexican and foreign banks and in other ways. Growers are to make all deliveries direct to the Association at central points and on such deliveries are to receive an advance of two-thirds of the value of their hemp.

It is said that the National Bank of Mexico has agreed to advance the Association a sum sufficient to enable them to warehouse hemp until such time as the United States manufacturers of rope and twine come to terms. The State of Yucatan has practically a monopoly of the production amounting annually to about 600,000 bales of 360 lb. each.

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 14th December, 1907, were as follows :—

#### Corn Prices.

|        |     |     |     |     |      |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34s. | 8d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27s. | 0d. |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18s. | 5d. |

For further particulars see p. 585.

A statement is published on p. 586, showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 14th December, 1907, as well as of the imports during the corresponding week of 1906.

#### Imports of Agricultural Produce.

### PORTUGAL.

H.M. Minister at Lisbon reports that, in spite of this year's vintage having been scanty in quantity as well as poor in quality, the stocks of wine existing in Portugal are so large that the effects of over-production continue to be severely felt. In order to confine the cultivation of the vine as far as possible to districts where the soil and climatic conditions are most favourable, and to encourage the sowing of wheat and maize, a Decree has been drawn up by the Government, and published in the "Diario do Governo," suspending for three years the plantation of new vines at less than 50 metres above the sea level within the hydrographic basins of the Minho, Lima, Cavado, Douro, Vouga, Mondego, Liz, Sisandro, Tagus, Sado, Mira, and Guadiana.

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*Agriculture.*

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**ITALY—SICILY.**

H.M. Consul at Palermo (Mr. S. J. A. Churchill, M.V.O.) reports  
**Prospects of  
Green Fruit  
Trade.**

that the green fruit trade (citrus) in oranges and lemons shows prospects of a more abundant crop than last season. The fruit is small and about a month late in development. There will probably be a scarcity of the large-sized lemon. Good business is being done in "scarti" (refuse fruit) for the making of by-products.

Mr. Churchill adds that a new company has been formed for the making of citrate of lime.

In reporting on this year's bean crop in the plains of Catania,  
**Bean Crop of  
Catania.**

Mr. Churchill states that the crop was rather scarce and inferior in quality to that of 1906. No stock worthy of consideration was left on hand from last year's crop, and prices have ruled firm. The 1908 crop is expected to be plentiful, as plantations are far more extensive this year.

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**ECUADOR.**

H.M. Consul at Guayaquil (Mr. A. Cartwright) reports that  
**German  
Cocoa Plantation  
Enterprise.**

German capitalists have been in recent years treating for the advance of money upon mortgages of some of the more extensive cocoa estates in Ecuador, issuing bonds for the advances and taking over the management of the estates and the disposal of the produce. One of these companies has now been for some years occupied in the administration of the Clementina estate, and another one has recently been formed to take over and administer the properties of the Puja family. (*Foreign Office, Annual Series, 3,946.*)

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**COREA.**

H.M. Embassy at Tokio reports that a scheme is being promoted  
**Scheme for  
Agricultural  
Development.**

by several members of the House of Peers and the Diet, associated with prominent business men, to form a company, called the Oriental Colonisation Company, with a capital of one million sterling, for the agricultural development of Corea. The intention of the promoters is to purchase tracts of land in Corea and employ Japanese emigrants to cultivate them. It is stated that the scheme has the full support of the Authorities, and that a Bill will be brought into the Japanese Parliament next session to guarantee interest on the capital.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

According to a report in the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette" for December,\* based on 6,492 statistical returns, viz., 2,697 returns from trade unions and 3,795 returns from employers (relating to 1,122,339 workpeople employed in coal and iron mining, the cotton, woollen, worsted and other textile trades, the building trades, the boot and shoe and other clothing trades, and the paper and glass trades), besides a large number of returns of a non-statistical character received from employers' associations, trade unions, local correspondents and other sources, employment in November showed on the whole some decline, both as compared with the previous month and with a year ago. In coal mining and in the textile trades generally employment remained good, and there was a seasonal improvement in the printing and book-binding trades. In the building and shipbuilding industries it was bad.

As compared with a year ago there was an improvement in employment in coal mining, and in most of the textile and clothing trades, and a decline in the metal, engineering, building, and furnishing and woodworking trades.

In the 272 trade unions, with a net membership of 639,678, making returns, 32,010, or 5·0 per cent., were reported as unemployed at the end of November, 1907, as compared with 4·7 per cent. at the end of October, 1907, and 4·5 per cent. at the end of November, 1906.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 12th December, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 114,093, and the number imported during the fifty weeks ended the 12th December was 4,426,331 (including 6,069 bales British West Indian and 10,645 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 12th December, 4,158 bales, and for the fifty weeks, 471,108 bales.

For further details see p. 585.

A statement showing the number of receiving orders and of administration orders under Sec. 125 (Deceased **Bankruptcy Debtors' Estates**) of the Act of 1883 gazetted in **Statistics.** England and Wales during the month and eleven months ending 30th November, 1907, will be found on pp. 587-8.

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\* For list of principal contents see p. 589.

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*Miscellaneous.*

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA—NORTHERN TERRITORY.**

According to the Report for 1906 of the Government Resident of the Northern Territory of South Australia, the year's take of pearlshell amounted to 57 tons, valued at 7,833*l.*, as against 115 tons, valued at 14,352*l.*, for 1905. The number of boats licensed during the year was 45, of which only 17 were engaged in fishing. The Report of the Harbourmaster shows this industry to be in anything but a satisfactory condition, owing chiefly, it is said, to the low prices for shell and the difficulty of obtaining first-class divers.

The export of trepang reached 84 tons, to the value of 6,056*l.*, as against 62 tons, valued at 2,929*l.*, for 1905.

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**PORTUGAL.**

The Board of Trade have received, through the Foreign Office, a translation of the Portuguese decree of 21st October last, regulating the carrying on of the business of insurance in Portugal. This translation may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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**ITALY.**

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office, from H.M. Embassy at Rome reporting that a crisis has arisen in all industries at Turin—especially in that of automobiles—and consequently also in the money market. Many companies, after their rapid formation in 1905 and 1906 with inadequate capital, have been obliged to ask for further share subscription, which they have obtained with difficulty, and ready money has become scarce. The crisis has caused a large reduction of orders and consequently many workmen have been dismissed. Several companies are in liquidation.

H.M. Vice-Consul at Turin considers that the present would be a good moment for any British manufacturers desiring to establish an industry in Italy to profit by the special chance of obtaining at a very low price several factories with all the latest fittings.

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**JAPAN.**

H.M. Embassy at Tokio reports that 14 Chinese employed in a shipbuilding yard near Kobe have been ordered back to China under an Imperial Ordinance.

**Chinese Labour.** An appeal has been made to Tokio against this order, the contention being that these Chinese do not fall under this Ordinance as they cannot properly be considered labourers, being in fact skilled workmen earning three shillings a day.

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**STATISTICAL TABLES.****Cotton Returns.**

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 50 Weeks ended 12th December, 1907 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>12th Dec.,<br>1907. | 50 Weeks<br>ended<br>12th Dec.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>12th Dec.,<br>1907. | 50 Weeks<br>ended<br>12th Dec.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 96,817                            | 3,357,257                                | 3,398                             | 243,495                                  |
| Brasilian ... ..     | —                                 | 193,384                                  | 50                                | 18,961                                   |
| East Indian ... ..   | 521                               | 202,123                                  | 694                               | 79,277                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 16,065                            | 521,460                                  | 10                                | 116,998                                  |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 690                               | *152,107                                 | 6                                 | 12,877                                   |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>114,093</b>                    | <b>4,426,831</b>                         | <b>4,158</b>                      | <b>471,108</b>                           |

\*Including 6,069 bales British West Indian and 10,645 bales British West African.

**Corn Prices.**

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 14th December, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|  |  | Average Price. |    |         |    |       |    |
|--|--|----------------|----|---------|----|-------|----|
|  |  | Wheat.         |    | Barley. |    | Oats. |    |
|  |  | s.             | d. | s.      | d. | s.    | d. |
| <b>Week ended 14th December, 1907 ... ..</b> |  | 34             | 8  | 27      | 0  | 18    | 5  |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>                |  |                |    |         |    |       |    |
| 1900 ... ..                                  |  | 26             | 7  | 25      | 7  | 17    | 2  |
| 1901 ... ..                                  |  | 27             | 7  | 26      | 8  | 19    | 8  |
| 1902 ... ..                                  |  | 24             | 10 | 24      | 2  | 16    | 10 |
| 1903 ... ..                                  |  | 26             | 9  | 23      | 0  | 15    | 7  |
| 1904 ... ..                                  |  | 30             | 4  | 24      | 4  | 16    | 2  |
| 1905 ... ..                                  |  | 28             | 5  | 24      | 5  | 17    | 11 |
| 1906 ... ..                                  |  | 26             | 1  | 23      | 11 | 17    | 3  |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

### Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of Agricultural Produce imported into the United Kingdom in the week ended 14th December, 1907, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

|  |            | Week ended<br>14th Dec.,<br>1907. | Correspond-<br>ing Week in<br>1906. |
|--|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Animals, living:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                     |
| Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves  | Number.    | 6,287                             | 11,287                              |
| Sheep and lambs  | "          | 3,201                             | 4,588                               |
| Swine  | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Horses   | "          | 127                               | 103                                 |
| <b>Fresh Meat:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                     |
| Beef (including refrigerated and frozen)                                 | Cwts.      | 90,901                            | 75,857                              |
| Mutton   | "          | 45,401                            | 39,137                              |
| Pork   | "          | 12,804                            | 17,912                              |
| <b>Salted or preserved meat:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                     |
| Bacon  | Cwts.      | 85,408                            | 119,730                             |
| Beef   | "          | 2,308                             | 1,241                               |
| Hams   | "          | 17,838                            | 31,405                              |
| Pork   | "          | 3,347                             | 3,751                               |
| Meat, unenumerated, fresh  | "          | 8,832                             | } 8,842                             |
| " " salted   | "          | 1,020                             |                                     |
| " " preserved otherwise than by salting<br>(including tinned and canned) | "          | 7,634                             |                                     |
| <b>Dairy produce and substitutes:—</b>                                   |            |                                   |                                     |
| Butter   | Cwts.      | 66,496                            | 78,230                              |
| Margarine  | "          | 16,126                            | 27,009                              |
| Cheese   | "          | 18,421                            | 46,124                              |
| Milk, fresh, in cans or drums  | "          | 23                                | —                                   |
| " cream  | "          | 116                               | 133                                 |
| " condensed  | "          | 18,189                            | 16,030                              |
| " preserved, other kinds   | "          | 476                               | 326                                 |
| Eggs   | Grt. Hndr. | 382,932                           | 415,496                             |
| Poultry  | Value £    | 53,706                            | 28,870                              |
| Game   | "          | 5,273                             | 4,828                               |
| Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen)   | Cwts.      | 10,678                            | 2,854                               |
| Lard   | "          | 27,837                            | 62,872                              |
| <b>Corn, grain, meal, and flour:—</b>                                    |            |                                   |                                     |
| Wheat  | Cwts.      | 1,546,900                         | 1,252,200                           |
| Wheat meal and flour   | "          | 269,100                           | 276,800                             |
| Barley   | "          | 675,500                           | 667,900                             |
| Oats   | "          | 161,900                           | 168,400                             |
| Peas   | "          | 80,890                            | 22,030                              |
| Beans  | "          | 74,220                            | 10,040                              |
| Maize or Indian corn   | "          | 1,073,000                         | 783,800                             |
| <b>Fruit, raw:—</b>  |            |                                   |                                     |
| Apples   | Cwts.      | 166,653                           | 164,510                             |
| Apricots and peaches   | "          | 526                               | —                                   |
| Bananas  | Bunches.   | 55,789                            | 74,877                              |
| Cherries   | Cwts.      | —                                 | —                                   |
| Currants   | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Gooseberries   | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Grapes   | "          | 9,296                             | 340                                 |
| Lemons   | "          | 7,004                             | 20,151                              |
| Oranges  | "          | 290,036                           | 251,943                             |
| Pears  | "          | 2,079                             | 3,028                               |
| Plums  | "          | 87                                | —                                   |
| Strawberries   | "          | —                                 | —                                   |
| Unenumerated   | "          | 5,525                             | 4,331                               |
| Hay  | Tons.      | 2,883                             | 2,668                               |
| Straw  | "          | 1,490                             | 527                                 |
| Moss Litter  | "          | 1,631                             | 2,325                               |
| Hops   | Cwts.      | 4,381                             | 7,586                               |
| Locust Beans   | "          | 21,920                            | 3,354                               |
| <b>Vegetables, raw:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                     |
| Onions   | Bushels.   | 192,463                           | 130,496                             |
| Potatoes   | Cwts.      | 95,798                            | 21,735                              |
| Tomatoes   | "          | 14,898                            | 8,256                               |
| Unenumerated   | Value £    | 4,209                             | 4,906                               |
| <b>Vegetables, dried:—</b>   |            |                                   |                                     |
| Preserved by canning   | Cwts.      | 11,967                            | 7,684                               |
|  | "          | 7,250                             | 11,771                              |

### Bankruptcy.—England and Wales.

Number of Receiving Orders and Administration Orders under Sec. 125 (Deceased Debtors' Estates) of the Act of 1883 gazetted in the undermentioned Principal Trades and Occupations during the periods indicated:—

|  | November.  |            | Eleven Months ended 30th Nov. |              |
|--|------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
|  | 1907.      | 1906.      | 1907.                         | 1906.        |
| Total gazetted... ..   | No.<br>411 | No.<br>448 | No.<br>3,804                  | No.<br>4,161 |
| Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations:—          |            |            |                               |              |
| Builders ... ..  | 32         | 30         | 273                           | 283          |
| Grocers, &c.... ..   | 28         | 24         | 232                           | 299          |
| Publicans and hotel keepers, &c. ... ..                        | 23         | 26         | 214                           | 240          |
| Farmers and graziers ... ..                                    | 15         | 18         | 155                           | 168          |
| Butchers ... ..  | 6          | 13         | 123                           | 125          |
| Decorators, painters, plumbers, &c. ... ..                     | 14         | 11         | 108                           | 111          |
| Bakers ... ..  | 15         | 12         | 106                           | 124          |
| Greengrocers, fruiterers, &c. ... ..                           | 7          | 12         | 91                            | 131          |
| Tailors, &c. ... ..  | 11         | 8          | 90                            | 84           |
| Drapers, haberdashers, &c. ... ..                              | 12         | 8          | 85                            | 89           |
| Boot and shoe manufacturers and dealers ... ..                 | 8          | 4          | 81                            | 96           |
| Coal and coke merchants and dealers ... ..                     | 8          | 7          | 69                            | 74           |
| Fishmongers, poulterers, &c. ... ..                            | 3          | 7          | 55                            | 74           |
| Carriers, carmen, lightermen, and hauliers ... ..              | 7          | 4          | 50                            | 42           |
| Clerks, commercial and general ... ..                          | 5          | 5          | 48                            | 57           |
| Confectioners ... ..   | 5          | 6          | 46                            | 27           |
| Auctioneers ... ..   | 5          | 4          | 48                            | 44           |
| Jewellers, watchmakers, silversmiths, &c. ... ..               | 3          | 6          | 41                            | 41           |
| Agents, commission and general ... ..                          | 2          | 7          | 88                            | 49           |
| Furniture dealers and makers ... ..                            | 8          | 2          | 88                            | 27           |
| Travellers, commercial ... ..                                  | 2          | 9          | 36                            | 35           |
| Corn, flour, seed, hay, and straw merchants and dealers ... .. | 5          | 6          | 35                            | 35           |
| Cab, omnibus and fly proprietors ... ..                        | 4          | 3          | 34                            | 34           |
| Bicycle, &c., manufacturers and dealers ..                     | 4          | 2          | 33                            | 43           |
| General dealers ... ..   | 2          | 2          | 32                            | 29           |
| Dairymen, cowkeepers, &c. ... ..                               | 1          | 5          | 31                            | 33           |
| Provision merchants, &c. ... ..                                | 3          | 7          | 30                            | 42           |
| Engineers and founders, &c. ... ..                             | 3          | 3          | 30                            | 32           |
| Merchants, general ... ..                                      | —          | 5          | 30                            | 26           |

## Bankruptcy.—England and Wales—continued.

|  | November. |       | Eleven Months ended 30th Nov. |       |
|--|-----------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | 1907.     | 1906. | 1907.                         | 1906. |
| Number gazetted in principal trades and occupations—continued. | No.       | No.   | No.                           | No.   |
| Printers, booksellers, and publishers ... ..                   | 1         | 1     | 28                            | 25    |
| Lodging-house keepers ... ..                                   | 5         | 3     | 28                            | 20    |
| Tobacconists, &c. ... ..                                       | 1         | 7     | 27                            | 42    |
| Carpenters and joiners ... ..                                  | 4         | 3     | 27                            | 29    |
| Carriage, &c., builders ... ..                                 | 3         | —     | 27                            | 19    |
| Gardeners, florists, &c. ... ..                                | 3         | 2     | 26                            | 16    |
| Cabinet makers and upholsterers ... ..                         | 2         | 4     | 25                            | 30    |
| Solicitors ... ..  | 3         | 1     | 25                            | 21    |
| Restaurant, coffee and eating-house keepers ...                | 1         | 2     | 24                            | 20    |
| Blacksmiths, farriers, &c. ... ..                              | 3         | 3     | 22                            | 24    |
| Directors and promoters of public companies ...                | 4         | 3     | 22                            | 15    |
| Clothiers, outfitters, &c. ... ..                              | 4         | 5     | 21                            | 32    |
| Chemists, druggists and chemical manufacturers                 | —         | 3     | 21                            | 26    |
| Doctors of medicine, physicians, &c. ... ..                    | 1         | 3     | 21                            | 25    |
| Stationers ... ..  | 2         | 3     | 21                            | 24    |
| Brokers, stock and share ... ..                                | 1         | 4     | 21                            | 22    |
| Ironmongers ... ..   | 1         | 3     | 20                            | 23    |
| China, glass, and earthenware, &c., dealers ..                 | 2         | 2     | 20                            | 11    |
| Wine and spirit merchants, &c. ... ..                          | 3         | —     | 20                            | 11    |
| Officers in Army ... ..  | 4         | 2     | 19                            | 20    |
| Saddlers and harness makers ... ..                             | 2         | 2     | 19                            | 19    |
| Wheelwrights ... ..  | 2         | 1     | 19                            | 16    |
| Schoolmasters and schoolmistresses ... ..                      | 2         | 3     | 19                            | 16    |
| Contractors ... ..   | —         | 3     | 18                            | 22    |
| Stone, marble and monumental masons, &c. ...                   | 2         | 1     | 17                            | 17    |
| Architects and surveyors ... ..                                | 3         | 1     | 17                            | 15    |
| Milliners, dressmakers, &c. ... ..                             | 3         | 5     | 16                            | 27    |
| Woollen merchants and manufacturers... ..                      | 2         | —     | 15                            | 21    |
| Cattle and pig dealers ... ..                                  | —         | 1     | 14                            | 16    |
| Timber merchants ... ..  | 2         | 5     | 14                            | 16    |
| Hairdressers... ..   | 1         | 1     | 13                            | 20    |
| Millers ... ..   | —         | 2     | 12                            | 18    |
| Hosiery, gloves, &c. ... ..                                    | —         | 2     | 12                            | 17    |
| Curriers, tanners, and leather merchants ...                   | 1         | 1     | 9                             | 12    |
| Fishing smack owners, and masters ... ..                       | 4         | —     | 4                             | 3     |
| Cotton spinners and manufacturers ... ..                       | —         | —     | —                             | 4     |

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of November, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 2d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes and a Supplement, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first volume, 3s. 4d. for the second volume, and 3s. 9d. for the Supplement, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country, and in the Supplement, Abstract and detailed tables showing countries of consignment of imports, and countries of ultimate destination of exports.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the December issue:—State of the Labour Market in November; Trade Unions in 1906; Lancashire Cotton Spinners' Dispute; Changes in Wages and Hours, 1906; Co-operation in Great Britain, 1906; and Conciliation Cases.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in Consular Reports of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

### ANNUAL SERIES.

#### No. 3,946. Trade and Finances of Ecuador for 1906.

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**No. 3,947. Finances of Austria-Hungary for the years 1905-07.**

Tables showing Austrian                      Hungarian estimates for  
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**COLONIAL OFFICE REPORT.**

A report from the following British Colony has been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal," viz. :—

**No. 551. Northern Nigeria.**

**OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

*Mercantile Marine (Seamen Employed), Return of the Number, Ages, Ratings, and Nationalities of the Seamen employed on the 4th day of April, 1906, on Vessels registered under Part I. of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in the British Islands. [Cd. 3,841.] Price 5½d.*

The tables in this return have been prepared from lists of crew and other documents in the charge of the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, and constitute the fourth quinquennial census of seamen employed on sea-going vessels except yachts, a census having previously been taken on the 5th April, 1891, on the 25th March, 1896, and on the 31st March, 1901.

The number of seamen registered under Part I. of the Act (comprising those employed on trading vessels and on such fishing vessels as exceed fifteen tons burden) in the census of 1906 was 201,408, as compared with 186,696, 180,866, and 172,773 in the censuses for 1901, 1896, and 1891 respectively. The total number of seamen on all fishing vessels registered in 1906 was 23,132, as compared with 19,502, 19,136, and 17,831 in 1901, 1896, and 1891 respectively.

*Bulletin of the Imperial Institute. Vol. V., No. 3, 1907. Price 1s.*

This number of the Bulletin contains reports on recent investigations made in the Scientific and Technical Department of the Imperial Institute regarding Economic Products from British East Africa; Para Rubber from the Federated Malay States; Rubbers from the Gold Coast; Peat from the Falkland Islands and Iron Ore from Parapara, New Zealand; as well as general notices regarding economic products and their development.

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## THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Intelligence Branch of the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade (No. 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.) is intended to be a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest shall be collected and focussed in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of British trade permit, replies shall be given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters. On application being made to it either personally or by letter, the Branch supplies, so far as is possible, information with regard to the following subjects, viz.: Commercial Statistics; Matters relating to Foreign and Colonial Tariffs and Customs Regulations; Lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities; Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender. Sources of Supply, Prices, &c., of Trade Products; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers, &c., &c. There is a Sample Room at the offices of the Branch, where, in addition to samples illustrative of reports of H.M. Consuls or of the Correspondents or Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade, specimens of special interest that may be received from India, the Colonies, &c., are exhibited from time to time. The Governments of India, Canada, and Queensland, also the Governments of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, have established, in proximity to the Commercial Intelligence Branch, at 73, Basinghall Street, special offices for dealing with trade matters (see below).

The "Board of Trade Journal" is the principal medium through which intelligence collected by the Commercial Intelligence Branch, and intended for general information, is conveyed to the public. The "Journal" is issued weekly at the price of 3d. All applications respecting subscription, or the purchase of single copies, should be addressed in London to Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C.; in Edinburgh to Messrs. Oliver & Boyd; and in Dublin to Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street. Copies may also be obtained from Messrs. G. Street & Co., Ltd., 30, Cannon St., E.C.

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## SPECIAL INDIAN AND COLONIAL TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES.

**India.**—The India Trade Enquiry Office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., has been established for the purpose of supplying the general public with all available information as to the commercial products, manufactures and trades of British India. The office is under the superintendence of an India Office official, who is in daily attendance to answer personal or written enquiries. The current publications of the Government of India dealing with Indian Trade statistics, tariff charges, railways, economic products, &c., are kept in the office, and can be consulted free: the various Indian Directories are also filed.

**SPECIAL INDIAN AND COLONIAL TRADE ENQUIRY OFFICES—continued**

**Canada.**—The Canadian Government have secured premises at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where an office has been opened, under the designation of "Canadian Government City Trade Branch," for the convenience of the commercial community. In due course it is intended to equip and maintain a display room illustrating the products, resources and manufactures of the Dominion. In the meantime, a Canadian representative attends daily to deal with enquiries and applications regarding Canadian import and export trade, and to supply information about Canadian matters generally. Personal appointments can be arranged when desired.

**Victoria.**—The Government of Victoria (Australia) have an extensive and varied collection of products of the State on view at the Show Room of their London Offices (142, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.). Lists of the Exporters of the State, with their Agents in the United Kingdom, and full particulars relating to the trade, prospects, &c., of the State, can be obtained upon application to the Agent-General for Victoria, at the above address.

**Queensland.**—For the convenience of the commercial community in the City of London, the Agent-General for Queensland has opened a branch office at 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., where a representative attends daily to give information to enquirers regarding trade, mining, and all other matters relating to Queensland. A collection of articles representative of the pastoral, agricultural, and mining industries of Queensland is on view, and information regarding these industries can be obtained at the Office, as above.

**South Australia.**—The Government of South Australia have established a Produce Department at the offices of the Agent-General, Threadneedle House, 28, Bishopsgate Street Within, London, E.C. Mr. A. E. M. Norton, the Commercial Agent, is in charge of this department, and he will supply, free of cost, full information regarding the exports from South Australia of all sorts of Produce. Specimens of every description of South Australian Produce are now displayed in one of the offices of the Commercial Agent's Department.

**Cape of Good Hope.**—The Government of the Cape of Good Hope have offices at 98, Victoria Street, London, S.W., for the purpose of a Commercial Agency for that Colony, under the superintendence of the Trades Commissioner, who, together with the Commercial Agent, deals with, and supplies free, information on trade subjects connected with the Colony, such as commercial products, industries, trade, tariff regulations, commercial statistics, railway rates, prospects for emigration, &c., &c.

**Transvaal and Orange River Colony.**—A Trade Enquiry Office has been opened at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. by the Governments of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, but under the general direction of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade. The Superintendent in charge of the Office deals with, and supplies free, information in regard to the products and resources of the two Colonies, the opportunities they present to the settler, their railway facilities, the regulations of all kinds in force in them affecting trade, &c., &c.

# THE BUYERS' GUIDE

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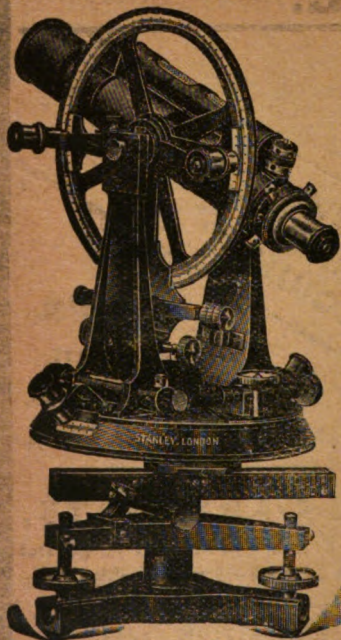
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To Contractors.

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Tenders, duly sealed and endorsed "Tenders for Destructor-House," to reach the undersigned not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 1908.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

F. STEVENS,  
Clerk of the Council.

CHRISTIANIA, January 10.—Steel Rails.—In connexion with the announcement issued by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade on October 20, respecting a call for tenders for supply to the Norwegian State Railways of 4,572 tons of steel rails, the Commercial Intelligence Branch are now notified by His Majesty's Consul at Christiania that the time limit for the delivery of these tenders has been extended from November 13 to January 10, 1908.

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Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Materials," to be sent to the undersigned by the 1st of January, 1908.

The contractor will be required, if his tender be accepted, to enter into a contract, to be prepared by the County Solicitor, such contract, if thought desirable by the Solicitor, to provide for two sureties. A specimen form of contract may be seen at the office of the Clerk of the County Council, 28, The Forbury, Reading.

J. FRED. HAWKINS,  
County Surveyor.

Wing Rural District Council.  
To Ironfounders.

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T. J. RUSHBROOKE,  
Borough Surveyor.  
77, Easton-street, High Wycombe,  
December 10, 1907.

VICTORIA, January 9th, 1908.—The Postmaster-General requires tenders for 11 sections of a common-battery switch-board and 3,000 subscribers' telephones and other apparatus, for the telephone exchange at Windsor.

RUSSIA.—The municipal authorities of Wilna are about to invite tenders for the supply of a tubular boiler, steam turbine and dynamo for the central electric lighting station.

TOBARRA.—Tenders have just been invited by the municipal authorities of Tobarra (province of Albacete) for the concession for the electric lighting of the town during a period of four years, and by the municipal authorities of Alboraya (Valencia province) for a term of three years.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, June, 1908.—The municipal authorities of Buenos Ayres are reported to be about to invite tenders for the concession for the construction and working of an underground electric tramway in the city. Tenders will be received until June 1st, 1908, and particulars may be had from the Legation in Paris.

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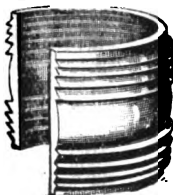
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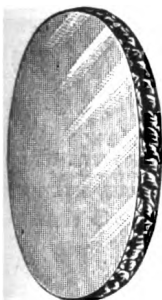


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The attention of British traders is directed to the Sample Room, where the following are on view, with other exhibits:—

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| Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff from the Transvaal  |  |                   |
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| Mangrove bark from Inhambane ... ..   | " " "                                  | 477               |
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| Cotton goods sold in Uskub ... ..   | 1st " "                                | 230               |
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| "Pochote" fibre, cleaned, from Mexico ... ..  | " " "                                  | 84                |

The following Special Trade Enquiry Offices are also at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—India, Dominion of Canada, Queensland, Transvaal and Orange River Colony. Statements of the objects and work of these Enquiry Offices will be found on pp. 639-40.

## OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

### BRITISH INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India in Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of bearing plates. The conditions of contract may be obtained on application to the Director-General of Stores,

#### Bearing Plates.

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#### **BRITISH INDIA—continued.**

India Office, Whitehall, S.W., and tenders are to be delivered at that office by 2 p.m. on the 7th January, 1908. Copies of the conditions and specification may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway are prepared to receive up to noon on the 14th January tenders for the supply of the following stores, viz.:—Class A, (1) chemically dressed wagon covers, (2) metals; Class B, white lead. Tenders must be made on forms copies of which, with specifications, can be obtained on and after the 30th December at the Company's Offices, Gloucester House, 2, 3 & 4, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., on payment as follows:—For Class A, 21s. each, and for Class B, 10s. 6d. each (which will not be returned). The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

The East India Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of locomotive engines and tenders, in accordance with specifications to be seen at the Company's offices, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C. Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, marked "Tender for Engines and Tenders," not later than noon on the 22nd January. The Company reserve the right to divide the order, also to decline any tender without assigning a reason, and do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. For each specification a fee of one guinea is charged, which cannot in any circumstances be returned.

#### **CANADA.**

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government Offices, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**Commercial  
Enquiries.**

#### **HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A North of England firm manufacturing all kinds of cranes and lifting machinery desire to hear from Canadian importers.

Enquiry has been received from a correspondent at Nottingham for the names of high-class exporters in Canada of canned goods and provisions.

A Lancashire firm importing large supplies of mica desire to get into touch with producers and exporters in Canada.

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**CANADA—continued.**

A London firm manufacturing dyed jute or burlap for wall decoration desire to be placed in touch with Canadian importers of the same.

A Dublin firm interested in Irish moss, which is used in connexion with the weaving, brewing and leather trades, as well as by manufacturing chemists, are desirous of hearing from likely buyers in Canada.

Enquiry has been made for names of Canadian manufacturers of paper for use in the newspaper trade, condensed milk and other commodities, by a London firm acting on behalf of buyers in South Africa.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRY.**

An Ontario firm of merchant millers are desirous of opening up an export trade with London and Liverpool, and would like to get into touch with reliable houses prepared to buy or handle on commission.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, S.W.

The following commercial enquiries have been received at the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., whence further information regarding them may be obtained:—

**HOME ENQUIRIES.**

A Midlands company manufacturing boot and shoe machinery and tools of the latest type would like to get into communication with some influential Canadian firm which could represent their interests in the Dominion.

A London firm desire the addresses of Canadian producers of fruit pulp in a position to do export trade.

**CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.**

A milling firm in Ontario would like to get into touch with some reliable firm in London or Liverpool which could buy or handle their production of flour.

A manufacturers' agent in Montreal seeks a few additional agencies in velveteens, velvets, dress goods, woollens and linings.

**Note.**—For further information regarding any of the above, application should be made to the Canadian Government City Trade Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

The Representative of the Commonwealth in London (Captain R. Muirhead Collins, C.M.G.) notifies that he has received tender forms, specifications, &c., in connexion with the supply and delivery of 250 visual vibrating indicators, for which tenders will be received at the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, up to 3 p.m. on the 21st January.

Copies of the specification, tender form, &c., may be obtained at the Commonwealth Offices in London, 72, Victoria Street, S.W., where also preliminary deposits on tenders may be paid. Copies of the specification and conditions may be inspected at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C. It should be noted, however, that the limited time allotted for receipt of tenders only permits of firms tendering who have arrangements with their agents that can be availed of by cable.

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**RUSSIA.**

H.M. Embassy at St. Petersburg, in reporting on the Russian Budget for 1908, states that the estimate for extraordinary expenditure includes 6,200,000*l.* for railway construction, providing for the Tiumen-Omsk Railway, double-tracking the Siberian Railway and building the eastern portion of the Sretensk-Pokrovsky branch of the Amour Railway. Among lines already commenced on which construction is to be continued are the southern portion of the Orenburg-Tashkent Railway (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 21st November, p. 372), the Perm-Ekaterinburg Railway and the western portion of the Sretensk-Pokrovsky line.

The "Journal de St. Pétersbourg" states that the Municipality of St. Petersburg have passed a resolution granting to the Tramways Committee a sum of 2,067,000 roubles for the purchase of 57 new cars (motor), 168 ordinary cars (attachable), and 50 new cars (attachable) for the municipal tramways.

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**DENMARK.**

The Acting British Consul at Copenhagen (Mr. C. H. Funch) has forwarded copies of the conditions and specifications relating to a call for tenders for the supply to the Danish State Railways of 990 tons of iron rails, fishbolts, nuts, &c. Tenders should be delivered at the office of the State Railways, Gl. Kongevej 1 E, 3 Sal, Copenhagen B., before 3 p.m. on the 8th January, 1908.

The conditions and specifications, together with drawings, may be examined by British makers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

*Openings for British Trade.***BELGIUM.**

The "Bulletin Commercial" of 14th December contains a notice to the effect that tenders are invited by the Belgian State Railways for the construction of second steel superstructures and the consolidation of the existing ones on the bridges over the Sambre near Lobbes (Station), at the estimated cost of 151,540 francs (about 6,061*l.*). A deposit of 10,000 francs (about 400*l.*) is required to qualify any tender. Further particulars may be obtained at the office of M. Dutrieux, rue d'Enghien 53, Mons, at the cost of 60 centimes. Tenders must be sent in to the offices of the State Railways, Brussels, before the 2nd January.

The same "Bulletin" also states that tenders are invited by the Belgian State Railways for the supply, in 13 lots, of railway plant. Particulars may be obtained from M. de Rudder, rue de Louvain 11, Brussels. Tenders must be sent in to the offices of the State Railways, Brussels, before 6th January.

**SPAIN.**

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Madrid (Mr. S. P. Cockerell) reports that a Royal Decree was published in the "Gaceta de Madrid" of 13th November, authorising the Minister of Fomento to submit to the Cortes a Bill by which the Government offers a guarantee not exceeding 5 per cent. on the capital expended in the building of certain railways, mainly on the coast. The projected railways are as follows:—(1) A broad gauge line from Pontevedra to Rivedavia via Puente Caldelas, this being a prolongation of the existing Carril-Pontevedra line; (2) A metre gauge line to complete those lines of the same gauge on the North and North-East coasts, to run from Ferrol and Carril to Irun, with a branch from Figaredo to Leon; (3) A metre gauge line to complete those of that gauge on the South and South-East coast, running from San Fernando to Cartagena, and passing by the Campo de Gibraltar, Malaga and Almeria along the coast.

The concessions granted are to be for 99 years and a guarantee not exceeding 5 per cent. is offered for a number of years, the amount of the guarantee and the period for which it is granted being arrived at by competition among intending concessionaires.

The "Gaceta de Madrid" of 14th December contains a copy of a Decree authorising the Government to grant a concession for the construction of a narrow gauge railway from Izarza to Cabras, and for the working of the same during the period of 99 years.

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#### **SPAIN—continued.**

The same "Gaceta" contains a copy of a Decree authorising the Ministerio de Fomento to invite tenders for the construction of a normal gauge railway from Lerida to the entrance of the international tunnel (France-Spanish railway).

The same "Gaceta" contains a copy of a further Decree authorising the Ministerio de Fomento to expend the sum of 86,536 pesetas (about 1,282*l.*) for the construction and installation of a tower and lantern for the lighthouse of Punta Insúa in the province of Corunna.

**Lighthouse Construction.**

The "Gaceta" of 15th December contains a copy of a Decree authorising the "Dirección General de Obras Publicas," Madrid, to expend a sum of 75,826 pesetas (about 2,661*l.*) on bridge construction in connexion with the works for the improvement of the railway from Val de Zafán to San Carlos de la Rápita.

**Bridge Construction.**

The "Gacetas" may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

#### **ITALY.**

The "Bollettino delle Finanze" (Rome) of 12th December states that the Italian Ministry for Public Works has authorised the Administration of the State railways to order, in addition to rolling stock authorised in August last (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 5th September last, p. 449), certain railway plant, viz.:—320 locomotives, 270 coaches, 250 luggage coaches, and 10,951 trucks, at the estimated cost of 140 million lire.

**Railway Rolling Stock.**

The "Bollettino" of 15th December announces that the firm of Tommasini Daniele di Vivaro has applied for a concession for the appropriation of water power from a waterfall at Vivaro.

**Hydraulic Power Plant.**

#### **ROUMANIA.**

H.M. Consul at Bucharest (Mr. O. Wardrop) reports that the "Direction General de la Régie des Monopoles de l'Etat" calls for tenders for the supply of 230,000 metres of jute cloth for packing raw tobacco, and 17,000 jute sacks for packing manufactured tobacco, in two lots, to be delivered at the tobacco factories at Bucharest and Jassy; and also for 600,000 sacks for packing salt, in two lots of 300,000, to be delivered at the Saltworks of Slanic and Targu Ocna.

**Jute Cloth, Jute Sacks, &c.**

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### ROUMANIA.

The adjudication is fixed to take place at 10 a.m. on the 4th February (22nd January, old style). Tenders in registered envelopes must be marked "Offre pour l'adjudication des sacs et de la toile du 22 Janvier, v.s., 1908." They will hold good until the expiration of 15 days from the date appointed for the adjudication. A deposit of 8 per cent. is required to qualify any tender, and in the case of the accepted tender this deposit will be augmented to 10 per cent. The Ministry reserves to itself the right to increase or diminish by 20 per cent. the quantities to be furnished either at the conclusion of the contract or during its execution.

Copies of the general and special conditions of tender (in French) may be examined by British manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

H.M. Consul also reports the following particulars of certain privileges granted under the Roumanian Industrial Law (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 17th January last, p. 145):—

**Machinery,  
Railway Tank  
Wagons, &c.**

1. For the reconstruction of V. P. Mourellis's flour mill at Constantza—importation duty-free of necessary machinery.

2. Gogu Iliescu's proposed steam flour mills at Căndesti, Buzau—importation duty-free of necessary machinery.

3. Metalurgia româna a societății anonime, fostă Jacques Catz, of Bucharest—importation duty-free of 2,500 tons bar iron, 2,000 tons iron sheets, and necessary metal-working machinery.

4. Scarlat Parascheva's petrol factory at Ploesti—importation duty-free of 2,000 kilogs. calcined soda, 3,000 kilogs. zinc white, &c.

5. Fratii Marengo's tannery at Pitesti—importation duty-free of tanning materials, including 20 trucks tannin extract, 10 trucks valonea, &c.

6. Vasile Marian's tannery at Craiova—importation duty-free of tanning materials, including 100,000 kilogs. tannin extract.

7. A. Weidmann's agricultural machine shops at Craiova—importation duty-free of machinery.

8. Panait Arghiropol's confectionery works, 85 Str. Pepa Nan, Bucharest—importation duty-free of machinery.

9. The "Șteaua Româna" Company's petroleum factory at Bucharest—importation duty-free of machinery and materials, including 85 tons caustic soda, 10 tons zinc white.

10. The "Vega" Company's petroleum refinery (? Ploesti)—importation duty-free of 150 railway tank wagons.

*Openings for British Trade.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

According to the New York "Tribune," naval necessities in the United States are such that the domestic manufacturers are unable to supply ordnance, projectiles, powder and torpedoes within a reasonable time. Rear-Admiral N. E. Mason, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy, strongly urges legislation that will authorise the Department, when "it is to the manifest interest of the United States, to make purchases in limited quantities abroad, which material shall be admitted free of duty."

The torpedo situation, he says, is such that 100 of these weapons should immediately be bought abroad, while American manufacturers are completing their present contracts and the Government factory is being put in running order. There is also urgent necessity for going abroad to obtain armour-piercing projectiles and range-finders, which American manufacturers are unable to produce.

Rear-Admiral Mason finds it necessary to replace all the present 8-inch and 12-inch guns by others of a later and stronger design, to admit of the use of smokeless instead of brown powder. An appropriation is asked for withdrawing these old guns and strengthening them with hoops at the muzzle, which is a weak point in them.

Only two firms are attempting to furnish the Navy with projectiles of large calibre, and the deliveries are far behind, and the position far from satisfactory. For that reason authority is asked to buy such projectiles abroad.

**MEXICO.**

The "Diarios Oficiales" of 29th November and 2nd December contain the following notices of applications made to the Government by various persons for appropriating water from certain rivers for motive power:—

| "Diario." | Applicant.  | River.         | State.   |
|-----------|---|----------------|----------|
| 29th Nov. | Sr. Manuel Calero ...   | Quetzalapa ... | Hidalgo. |
| 2nd Dec.  | Sres. Manuel Gómez Pezuela,<br>Melitón Hurtado, Domingo<br>León and Antonio Cornet... | Amacusac ...   | Morelos. |

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**EXHIBITION.****BRITISH INDIA.**

The Board of Trade are informed that an Automobile Show and Motor Gymkhana is to be held at Bombay by the Motor Union of Western India from the 24th to 29th February, 1908. Particulars may be seen at the Trade Information Bureau of the Automobile Co-operative Association, Limited, 1, Albemarle Street, London, W. A copy of the prospectus may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.

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**FAIR WAGES COMMITTEE.**

The Committee appointed by the Treasury to consider the working of the Fair Wages Resolution of the House of Commons of 1891, as embodied in Government contracts (see "Board of Trade Journal" of 22nd August last, p. 353), have held five meetings under the chairmanship of Sir G. H. Murray, K.C.B., for the purposes of examining fifteen witnesses representing trade unions. Evidence has been heard on behalf of the following organisations:—The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress; the London Society of Compositors; the Labour Protection League; the National Amalgamated Tin and Iron Plate, Sheet and Metal Workers; the United French Polishers' London Society; the Scientific Instrument Makers' Trade Society; the London Clothiers' Cutters Trade Union; the Vellum (Account Book) Binders' Trade Society; the General Union of Weavers and Textile Workers; the Anvil and Vice Trades Association; the National Hosiery Federation; and the National Amalgamated Furnishing Trades Association.

The Committee will resume their sittings for the purpose of taking farther evidence from trade unions on 9th January.

All correspondence on the subject of the Committee should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. J. J. Wills, Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.

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**PORT SOUDAN.**

The following notes on the development of Port Soudan, and the existing conditions there are taken from information furnished by the British Vice-Consul (Mr. B. W. Echlin):—

The competition which resulted among steamship lines to bring goods to Port Soudan after the opening of the Nile—Red-Sea railway from Atbara in January last year gave rise for some months to what might almost be called a boom; this, in due course, was followed by a reaction; two out of four of the British lines which began ceased to call altogether, and another now seldom puts in an appearance.

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*Port Soudan.*

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It must be borne in mind that three-quarters of the goods brought into Port Soudan were destined for up-country: the remaining quarter, with the exception of a small fraction of general merchandise for local requirements, consisted chiefly of constructional work, machinery, bridge and crane sections, cement, bricks, girders, &c., consigned to the Government for the development of the town and harbour.

From the very first not only the merchants at Port Soudan and up-country, but also shipowners and shippers seemed to have overlooked the fact that the Port had not been opened, but only the railway; the former, not having been constructed, could hardly be considered to exist.

As time went on the conditions improved somewhat. The stores were finished and goods were received there, though this brought forth complaints because vessels had to discharge at the temporary quays, and all cargo was sent by lighter to the new sheds, nearly half-a-mile distant, which was, of course, an additional expense. The alternative being to leave the goods exposed to sun and rain, however, convinced those concerned that it was worth while to incur the extra charges and have their property protected. The railway line was carried on to the new stores, so that as much labour and handling of goods as possible was avoided.

This is the actual state of affairs at present, and until the quay wall is completed, the ground behind filled in to proper level, and the electric cranes (which are erected and ready) run down to the five berths expected to be completed next March, no further improvement in dealing with cargo, or quicker despatch for steamers can be expected. When this takes place, the port may with perfect justice be considered open, and it will be well able to cope with the trade of the country, both import and export. Shipowners can count on their vessels being despatched as quickly as in any Eastern port, but until these indispensable features of a harbour are in working order it is hardly fair to make comparisons.

For those more directly interested in shipping, Mr. Echlin gives the following details obtained from the Controller of the Port:—All the navigational lights are completed and in working order. They will not be illuminated permanently until the quays are finished and the harbour opened, but on application to the Controller will always be lighted for any vessel arriving or leaving at night time. Qualified pilots meet all vessels outside the harbour, pilotage dues being compulsory. Two beacons, 15 feet high, consisting of an iron standard surmounted by a disc chequered black and white, have been erected on the reef immediately outside the harbour on the port hand of the Fairway entering. On the starboard hand an iron standard surmounted by a triangle painted chocolate has been placed. Beacons are also on Wingate reef bearing 4° N. 70° E. from Port Soudan.

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### GERMAN TRADE IN PERSIA.

The following statement respecting the proposed development of German trade in Persia is based on a series of articles contributed to the "Frankfurter Zeitung" by Dr. Grothe, a German commercial expert who recently visited Persia:—

After discussing the geographical conditions and lines of communication of South-west Persia, the writer declares that, in view of the future influence in those regions which Germany will acquire by means of the Bagdad railway, and also in view of the growth of German shipping in the Persian Gulf, the district in question is one of great importance to German commercial interests. Hitherto, he says, South-west Persia has been neglected by Germans. There are but few German trading establishments in the district, and the writer urges that a business should be established at Kermanshah and Ispahan. Such an establishment would find an opening for the importation of European goods into Kermanshah, which has a central situation, and is therefore a good place for distribution. But it is not only in the import trade that such a house should concern itself. The export of carpets, wool, opium, and cotton from Ispahan would be a profitable undertaking. The province of Fars is rich in corn, tobacco, rice, and wine. The German chemical industry would find a good opening there by buying up land and cultivating the poppy and raising opium. It would also be an advantage were a German agent to be sent to Persia to encourage the import into that country of indigo and other dyes made in Germany. Such an agent should not be a merchant, but should have a thorough knowledge of the Persian carpet trade. He should make Ispahan his head-quarters, and establish sub-agencies at Hamadan, Sultanabad, Shiraz, and Kermanshah. A further field for German enterprise would be the establishment of a transport system for the carriage of goods along the Khanekin-Kermanshah-Hamadan, Sultanabad-Tehran, and Bushire-Shiraz-Ispahan roads. Such a system would be most beneficial, since Persian trade suffers much from the irregularity of the caravan service. If the German Orient Bank opens branches in the southern towns, the activity of German industries will receive a valuable impulse.

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## COTTON CULTIVATION IN THE GERMAN COLONIES.

H.M. Embassy at Berlin have forwarded a translation of extracts from the 9th Annual Report of the "Kolonialwirtschaftliche Komitee" on cotton cultivation in the German Colonies which gives the results of the work in the various colonies in 1906-7:—

In **Togo** the harvest of 1905-6 produced 857 bales of 250 kg. each: that of 1906-7 is estimated at 1,250 bales of the same weight. The Committee guaranteed a price of 30 pfennig ( $3\frac{1}{2}d.$ ) per pound of cleaned cotton. Good progress has been made in ploughing experiments. In **Cameroon** the Committee have prepared a programme for encouraging native cultivation of cotton by providing seeds, ploughs, machines, &c., but little can be done till the railway from Hikory to Manenguba is built. In **German East Africa** there is plenty of crown land suitable for cotton growing, which is therefore carried on not only in small allotments and by natives, but also in European style. Artificial irrigation is urgently required but the land is so cheap that expenses for heavy irrigation could well be borne. The harvest of 1906 amounted to 732 bales of 500 pounds each: that of 1907 only commenced in September and cannot yet be estimated. The natives get from 30 to 40 pfennigs ( $3\frac{1}{2}d-5d.$ ) per pound of raw cotton. Several companies have leased large tracts of land from the Government and have commenced planting.

The report also gives a table showing the sums subscribed by members of the cotton industry to assist the Committee in its labours. The members of the Association of Cotton Manufacturers have been advised by the Committee of the Association to subscribe 10 per cent. of their accident insurance premiums for this object during three years, and a sum of 12,500*l.* (4,160*l.* a year) has thus been raised. This by no means covers the requirements of the Committee, but it is stated in the Press that other industrial associations have realized the universal importance of the work and have also subscribed towards it.

In this connexion H.M. Embassy reports that the German Home Office Estimates last year included for the first time a sum (2,500*l.*) to be devoted to the promotion of cotton cultivation, and it is said that a similar sum will appear in this year's estimates, and will be devoted to the financing of an exhibition of machines used in the cultivation of cotton, to be held in April next. Cotton gins and cotton presses are to be exhibited with a view to German machinery makers seeing them and learning to build them for themselves. There was an idea of exhibiting cotton also, but this was given up on the ground that the excellence of the cotton produced in the German Colonies is already universally recognized, and it is now merely a question of doing everything possible to increase the production.

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## TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS IN POLAND.

A despatch has been received at the Foreign Office from H.M. Consul-General at Warsaw (Mr. A. P. Murray) reporting on the condition of trade and industry in Poland in October last,\* from which the following particulars are extracted:—

“The metallurgical industry is still in a very bad way, and the prospects for the future are very gloomy.

“Apart from the trouble with the workers common to all industries in Poland, the demand for iron has decreased and the cost of production increased on account of the higher price of fuel. To this must be added the great difficulty and frequent impossibility of getting coke regularly and in sufficient quantities from Silesia, whence it all has to be imported.

“The demand for iron for construction works, machine works and various metal factories, for want of new orders, is not more than 45 per cent. of the usual amount. It is hoped that next year the Vistula railway will place considerable orders for rails and bridges, but nothing certain is yet known. A Warsaw firm secured the orders for the iron work required for three new sugar factories built this year in the provinces, and factories which make iron for bedsteads have been able to keep going on orders from Central Russia.

“Iron dealers have ceased to stock iron and only order as orders are placed with them. Such ironworks as are not shut down are working only three or four days a week.

“The production of the different ironworks in Poland during the first six months of the year was not much less than during the first six months of last year, but one-third of their production remained in stock.

“There has been a considerable export lately to Germany of waste from the different works containing a certain percentage of ore which the Polish works did not think it worth while to extract, but which now is being exported to Germany to the works there.

“A heavy burden on all industry in Poland, already nearly crushed by the increased cost of labour, is the high price of coal and the practical certainty that it will in future be even still higher. The reason for this is that the Warsaw-Vienna railway has hitherto been permitted to charge a higher rate for the carriage of coal than the other railways in the Empire. These other railways having now obtained permission to charge the same rate as the Warsaw-Vienna railway, this latter has in its turn applied for permission to still further advance its rates, and it is stated on good authority that the Ministry of Finance have promised to give their consent. Hitherto the Warsaw-Vienna railway was the only one in the Empire which was not run at a loss, but it has not paid a dividend for the last two years and shows no prospects of being

\* For Mr. Murray's previous report see "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st August, 1907, pp. 213-5.

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able to do so this year. Practically all the remainder of the railways in the country belonging to the Crown, the Ministry can only welcome an increase of tariff which would somewhat diminish the loss on their exploitation, so there is no hope that the tariff for coal may be reduced again.

"For the above reason the mines prefer to send coal from Dombrowa by the Vistula rather than the Vienna railway, another reason being that the Vistula railway carries the coal in closed trucks whereas the Vienna railway carries it on open trucks from which theft is systematic, trucks not infrequently arriving at Warsaw minus 10 per cent. of their load.

"The price of coal for domestic purposes in Poland is this year higher than ever and will be the cause of great suffering amongst the poorer classes of the population during the winter. The reason of this is not the want of coal but simply the action of speculators who control the supply of coal to the principal towns. Various attempts have been made by the authorities to ensure a supply of coal at a moderate rate for the poorer portion of the population, but they have not been able to interfere to any great extent with the action of the coal merchants.

"The position of the textile industry in Poland is going from bad to worse. Not only is the disorganization of labour as great as ever, but buyers who used to get their supplies in Poland have now learnt to rely on other manufacturing centres: moreover the increased cost of production admits of the importation of comparatively low counts of yarns and of manufactured goods which, in spite of the high duty, can be sold here at a price considerably lower than that at which they can now be manufactured in the country.

"In spite of the usual autumn demand for woollen goods, factories are working only three or four days in the week: moreover it must be remembered that their output, owing to the shorter working day and to the idleness of the workers, is not more than two-thirds of what it was previously.

"To give an idea of the changed conditions of the woollen industry in Poland since 1904, the price of woollen yarn has gone up 60 per cent. and the demand for woollen goods has decreased by 50 per cent. The pay of a skilled hand has gone up from 9 roubles a week for an 11½ hours' day to 15 roubles a week for a 10 hours' day. The pay of a boy has gone up from 2.50 roubles to 5 roubles a week, and the workers are now claiming a further advance of 75 per cent. for skilled workers and 100 per cent. for boys. Besides this, no discipline can be maintained in the works.

"There is now consequently a large import from Germany of woollen goods which previously were unable to compete with local prices. A great deal of these are shoddy goods, but they

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command a good price as they are of foreign origin, and everything foreign is supposed to be of superior quality.

"Trade with the Empire is falling off more and more, and the only markets remaining faithful to Polish manufactures are the neighbouring Lithuanian Governments, where industry is little developed.

"The men openly declare that their object is to ruin their present employers, when, they say, they will get the factories and all become rich. It is no use arguing with them or trying to point out the folly of such an idea. The belief is general amongst them and is firmly held. Under these circumstances, as the prosperity of industry in Poland depends entirely on a plentiful supply of good and cheap labour, it is difficult to foresee any improvement in the near future. . . . (see below).

"Little has been done in the way of public works in the provincial towns lately. At Sosnowice, however, the much needed paving of the streets has at last been carried out and the lighting very much improved. Lodz is still waiting for its water supply and proper drainage, but, owing to the impoverishment of the town through the labour troubles and consequent depression of industry, there is no prospect of these being carried out yet awhile.

"The Germans are negotiating with the Russian Government for the establishment of a Consulate at Lodz. They certainly need one, for the number of German residents and the importance of German industries are very great.

"In consequence of the general industrial depression and disturbed state of the country there is little or nothing to be heard of new works or of the extension of old ones. A bent-wood furniture factory at Kielce, which will commence work very shortly, and three new sugar refineries are almost the only exceptions."

H.M. Consul-General at Warsaw has also forwarded a detailed report on the harvest of 1907 in his consular district. It may be seen by persons interested, on application at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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## TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS. UNITED KINGDOM—UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States of America respecting commercial travellers' samples entering the United Kingdom, and the import duty on British works of art entering the United States, was signed at London on 19th November last :—

**Agreement  
respecting  
Commercial  
Travellers'  
Samples, and the  
United States  
Import Duty  
on British Works  
of Art.**

" The Government of His Britannic Majesty and the Government of the United States of America, being desirous of facilitating and extending the commercial relations existing between their respective countries, but without prejudice to the views held by each of them as to the interpretation of the 'most-favoured-nation' Article of the Convention of Commerce between the two countries signed at London on the 3rd July, 1815, mutually agree as follows :—

" 1. In order to facilitate the clearance through the Customs Department of the United Kingdom of samples of dutiable goods brought into the territory of the United Kingdom by commercial travellers of the United States of America, such samples being for use as models or patterns for the purpose of obtaining orders, and not for sale, His Majesty's Government agrees that the marks, stamps, or seals placed upon such samples by the Customs authorities of the United States of America at the time of exportation, and the officially attested list of such samples, containing a full description thereof issued by the proper authority, shall be accepted by the Customs officials of the United Kingdom as establishing their character as samples, and exempting them from inspection on importation, except so far as may be necessary to establish that the samples produced are those enumerated on the list. The Customs authorities of the United Kingdom may, however, affix a supplementary mark to such samples in special cases where they may think this precaution necessary.

" 2. The Government of the United States of America agrees to extend to the United Kingdom the special reduction of duty on paintings in oil or water colours, pastels, pen and ink drawings, and statuary, being the product of the industry of the United Kingdom, authorized under section 3 of the Tariff Act of the United States, approved the 24th July, 1897.\*

" 3. This Agreement shall continue in force until six months from the date when either party shall notify the other of its intention to terminate it."

\* The reduced duty authorized under section 3 of the United States Tariff Act is 15 per cent. *ad valorem*. The ordinary rate is 20 per cent. *ad valorem*.

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#### **UNITED KINGDOM—BULGARIA.**

The Board of Trade are informed by the Foreign Office that the ratifications of the Commercial Convention, Final Protocol, and Declaration between the United Kingdom and Bulgaria of 9th December, 1905, were exchanged at Sofia on the 26th November.

**Ratification of the  
Anglo-Bulgarian  
Commercial  
Convention.**

#### **AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.**

Information has been received from the Representative of the Commonwealth in London that "vapour lamps" were previously incorrectly classed for duty in the cablegram from the Commonwealth Government under item 180\* instead of under item 179 (b)—viz., at 15 per cent. under the General Tariff, and 10 per cent. *ad valorem* under the United Kingdom Tariff.

**Decision  
respecting  
"Vapour Lamps."**

The following "minor articles" have, under Departmental By-laws, been added to the free list:—  
**Free Importation of Minor Articles.** Coloured rubber in imitation of seaweed or flower stems for artificial flowers.

Plough, trace, back, and tug chains for harness.

Discs for cultivators, ploughs, harrows, drills, scrub and cane stalk cutters.

Fancy corners, catches and ornaments for cardboard boxes.

Machine tools: Double equilibrium saw frame, veneering machines.

Tools of trade: Dies used in the manufacture of artificial flowers.

With reference to the notice which was published on p. 559 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting the regulations regarding the method of the payment of duty on certain advertising matter sent to Australia, the Board of Trade have now received, from the Representative of the Commonwealth in London, an amended copy of the regulations in which the references to the payment of duty on "insets" introduced in magazines, &c., and on single copies addressed to individuals in Australia, have been deleted.

**Advertising  
Matter :  
Amended  
Regulations.**

#### **MONTSERRAT.**

With reference to the notice published in the "Board of Trade Journal" for 29th. November, 1906, giving the export duties leviable under Ordinance No. 4 of 1906 in the Presidency of Montserrat, the Board of Trade have now received a copy of a further Ordinance

**Revised Export  
Duties.**

\* See p. 464 of the "Board of Trade Journal," for 5th December, 1907.

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(No. 8 of 1907), which came into force on 15th May last, repealing the Ordinance No. 4 of 1906, and at the same time providing, for the most part, for the re-imposition of the export duties in force prior to the operation of the Ordinance of 1906 on various articles, the growth, produce, and manufacture of the Presidency.

The following statement shows the rates of duty leviable under the new Ordinance of 1907; the rates previously in force being given for purposes of comparison:—

| Articles.  | Rate of Export Duty.           |                                 |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Old Tariff<br>(No. 4 of 1906). | New Tariff<br>(Ord. 3 of 1907). |
| <b>Animals—*</b>   | <i>s. d.</i>                   | <i>s. d.</i>                    |
| Asses ... .. Per head  | 3 0                            | 2 0                             |
| Cattle ... .. "  | 8 0                            | 6 0                             |
| Calves, under 6 months, with<br>their mothers ... .. "         | 1 0                            | Free                            |
| Goats ... .. "   | 0 6                            | 0 4                             |
| Horses ... .. "  | 7 0                            | 5 0                             |
| Mules ... .. "   | 9 6                            | 7 6                             |
| Pigs ... .. "  | 0 8                            | 0 6                             |
| Sheep ... .. "   | 0 8                            | 0 6                             |
| Bay leaves ... .. Per 100 lbs.                                 | 1 2                            | 1 0                             |
| Cants, felloes, naves, and spokes ... Per doz.                 | 0 6                            | 0 3                             |
| Cocoa and coffee ... .. Per 100 lbs.                           | 2 3                            | 2 1                             |
| Cotton: Sea Island, or other long<br>staple varieties ... .. " | 4 4                            | 4 2                             |
| " short staple varieties... .. "                               | 2 3                            | 2 1                             |
| Corn ... .. Per bushel   | 0 2½                           | 0 2                             |
| <b>Essential oils—</b>   |                                |                                 |
| Bay ... .. Per gall.   | 2 0½                           | 2 0                             |
| Other kinds, if expressed or<br>equelled ... .. "              | 1 6½                           | 1 6                             |
| All other kinds, if otherwise<br>extracted ... .. "            | 0 6½                           | 0 6                             |
| Firewood ... .. Per cord                                       | 0 6                            | Free                            |
| <b>Fruits and vegetables, fresh—</b>                           |                                |                                 |
| Bananas and plantains ... Per 100 bunches                      | 4 2                            | 2 1                             |
| Limes and oranges ... .. Per barrel                            | 0 4                            | 0 2                             |
| " " Per box not exceeding<br>2 cub. ft. per 100 boxes          | 6 3                            | 2 1                             |
| Sweet potatoes ... .. Per barrel                               | 0 4                            | 0 2                             |
| All other kinds ... .. Per 5 cub. ft.                          | 0 4                            | 0 2                             |
| <b>Hides and skins—</b>  |                                |                                 |
| Cattle hides ... .. Each                                       | 0 3½                           | 0 3                             |
| All other skins ... .. Per doz.                                | 0 4                            | 0 3                             |
| <b>Lime juice—</b>   |                                |                                 |
| Concentrated ... .. Per 100 gals.                              | 9 0                            | 8 4                             |
| Raw ... .. "   | 1 6                            | 0 10                            |

\* \*Sucking pigs and also kids or lambs with their mothers were free under the old tariff. Under the new tariff all sucking animals (not exceeding six months old), with their mothers, are free of duty.

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| Articles.  | Rate of Export Duty.           |                                 |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Old Tariff<br>(No. 4 of 1906). | New Tariff<br>(Ord. 3 of 1907). |
| Limes; pickled ... .. Per barrel   | s. d.<br>0 8                   | s. d.<br>0 6                    |
| Molasses... .. Per 100 gals.   | 2 9                            | 2 1                             |
| Papaine ... .. {   | 2l. 10s. 2d. per<br>100 lbs.   | 6d. per lb.                     |
| Peas and beans... ..   | 0 2                            | 0 1                             |
| Poultry ... .. Per doz.  | 0 6                            | 0 3                             |
| Starches (viz., arrowroot, sago, tapioca,<br>cassava, and all similar starches<br>and preparations of the same) ... Per 100 lbs. | 1 2                            | 1 0½                            |
| Sugar—   |                                |                                 |
| Muscovado ... Per hogshead (over 32 in. truss)   | 3 10                           | 2 6                             |
| " ... Per tierce (over 28 in., and less<br>than 32 in.)  | 2 8                            | 2 0                             |
| " ... Cask (less than 28 in.)  | 1 4                            | 1 0                             |
| " ... Barrel or bag  | 0 7                            | 0 5                             |
| Syrup ... .. Per 100 galls.  | 4 10                           | 4 2                             |
| Tamarinds ... .. Per barrel  | 0 4                            | 0 2                             |
| Trass ... .. "   | 0 2                            | Free                            |

A further Ordinance (No. 5 of 1907) has also been received, which came into force on 15th May, 1907, and which provides for the free importation of chalk, whiting or lime, when for use in the manufacture of citrate of lime, into the Presidency of Montserrat.

Provision is also made in the Ordinance for the imposition of a duty of 1s. per cwt. upon the exportation of citrate of lime manufactured in the Presidency.

**EGYPT.**

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" for the 2nd December contains the following revised Valuation Tariff for use in assessing duty on certain metals and metal manufactures, which came into force on the 1st December, and is to remain in operation until the 31st March, 1908, or until denunciation:—

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***EGYPT—continued.**

| Articles.                                       | Valuation per kilogramme.* |                    |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
|   | Former<br>Tariff.          | Revised<br>Tariff. |
|   | Millièmes. †               | Millièmes. †       |
| Copper and brass sheets, round and bottoms ...  | 93                         | 74                 |
| " sheets, plain ... ..                          | 90                         | 71                 |
| " " in rolls, bars, round and flat ...          | 90                         | 71                 |
| " ingots ... ..                                 | 87                         | 68                 |
| " wire ... ..                                   | <i>ad valorem.</i>         | <i>ad valorem.</i> |
| Brass wire ... ..                               | "                          | "                  |
| " sheets, plain, 24 by 48, 8 lbs. to 5 lbs. ... | "                          | "                  |
| Tin ingots and bars ... ..                      | 163                        | 132                |
| Lead sheets ... ..                              | 21                         | 20                 |
| " shot ... ..                                   | 22                         | 21                 |
| " piping ... ..                                 | 21                         | 20                 |
| " pig ... ..                                    | 20                         | 19                 |
| Zinc sheets and ingots ... ..                   | 27                         | 25½                |
| Phosphor bronze ... ..                          | 125                        | 125                |
| Antimony ... ..                                 | 40                         | 40                 |
| Quicksilver ... ..                              | 270                        | 270                |

The same issue of the "Journal Officiel" contains a notice to the effect that from the 1st December, 1907, to the 31st January, 1908, or until further notice, Rangoon rice will be valued for Tariff purposes at 1,010 millièmes\* (1*l.* 0*s.* 8½*d.*), and Saigon rice at 925 millièmes\* (18*s.* 11½*d.*) per sack of 2 cwts. net in each case.

**RUSSIA.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at pp. 321-2 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 14th November, on the subject of the fines imposed by the Russian Customs Authorities on account of clerical errors in bills of lading or other ship's papers, the Board of Trade desire to draw attention to the fact that a period of *two months* from the date of notification of the fine by the Customs is now allowed within which to present a petition to the Ministry of Finance for a remission or reduction of the penalty. The period of three weeks fixed by the Russian Customs Regulations was extended to two months by the Russo-German Commercial Convention of 1904; and British exporters benefit by this concession in virtue of the most-favoured-nation clause of the Anglo-Russian Treaty of 1859.

\* Duty is leviable on these valuations at the rate of 8 per cent. The English ton is taken as equivalent to 1,016 kilogr.

† 1,000 millièmes = £E 1 = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

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#### RUSSIA—ITALY.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Russia and Italy, which was signed at St. Petersburg on the 15th/28th June last.

This Treaty provides for reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment as regards import and export duties and generally as regards the Customs régime of merchandise imported into one country from the other, with the following exceptions:—

1. The favours accorded at present or which may in future be accorded to other bordering States in order to facilitate frontier traffic.

2. The favours relative to importation or exportation which are accorded at present or which may hereafter be accorded to the inhabitants of the Government of Archangel, as also with regard to the northern and eastern coasts of Asiatic Russia (Siberia); but imports from Italy into these territories are to benefit by all Customs facilities accorded to imports from European States or from North America.

3. The special stipulations contained in the Treaty between Russia and Norway and Sweden of 26th April/5th May, 1838; and

4. The special stipulations relative to the trade with the Asiatic States and countries bordering on Russia.

However, it is agreed that all favours other or greater than those at present in operation, which may in future be accorded by Russia to one of the bordering Asiatic countries in respect of *silk* (Nos. 180(2)-(4), and 185(1) of the Russian Customs Tariff), and in respect of *oranges, lemons, and bitter oranges* (No. 6(2) of the Russian Customs Tariff) shall be extended to similar Italian products, except only as regards direct importations for internal consumption into the Russian provinces of the Amour, Maritime, and Transbaikal.

Annexed to the Treaty are two schedules (Tariffs A. and B.) specifying respectively the maximum duties leviable on certain Russian products on importation into Italy, and on certain Italian products on importation into Russia. The following is a translation of Tariff A. (in which the existing duties have been inserted for the purpose of comparison):—

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***RUSSIA-ITALY—continued.****TARIFF A.****DUTIES ON IMPORTATION INTO ITALY.**

| No. in Italian Tariff. | Articles.   | Rate of Duty.                 |                               |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                        |   | Existing.                     | Fixed by the Present Treaty.  |
|                        |   | Lire. cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. | Lire. cts.<br>Per 100 kilogs. |
| 8                      | Mineral, resin and tar oils—  |                               |                               |
| (a)                    | Heavy ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —For the tariff classification of heavy mineral oils from the 1st January, 1911, the official colour type defined under No. 1b of the Note to the heading "Mineral oils, &c." in the Italian Tariff Repertory, will be fixed by agreement between the two Contracting Parties.         | 8 00                          | 8 00                          |
| (b)                    | Other ... ..<br><i>Note.</i> —The duty on petroleum and other mineral oils suitable for lighting purposes, included under No. 8b, may be calculated, at the option of the importer, either on the weight or on the volume. In the latter case 125 litres at 15° C are to be taken as equivalent to 100 kilogs. net. | 24 00                         | 24 00*                        |
| 280                    | Wheat ... ..  | 7 50                          | 7 50†                         |
| 281                    | Rye ... ..  | 4 50                          | 4 50†                         |
| 282                    | Oats ... ..   | 4 00                          | 4 00†                         |
| 283                    | Barley ... ..   | 4 00                          | 4 00†                         |
| 284                    | Other cereals—  |                               |                               |
| (a)                    | White maize ... ..  | 7 50                          | 7 50‡                         |
| (b)                    | Not specially mentioned (including dried pulse) ... ..  | 1 15                          | 1 15                          |

As regards Tariff B (duties on importation into Russia) the following statement shows the *reductions* of the Russian Customs duties resulting from the conclusion of the present Treaty. These reduced duties will be applicable to the products of the United Kingdom when the Treaty comes into force.

\* In accordance with the Final Protocol to the Treaty, this duty is to be reduced to 16 lire per 100 kilogs. from the 1st January, 1911.

† Conventionalised by the Italian Treaty with *Roumania* also.

‡ Conventionalised by the Italian Treaty with *Servia* also.

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| No. in Russian Tariff. | Articles.   | Rate of Duty.                         |                                   |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                        |   | In Customs Tariff of 1st March, 1906. | Fixed by the Treaty.              |
| <i>Ex 6</i>            | Fruits and berries—<br>(2) Oranges, lemons, and bitter oranges, fresh ... ..  | Rbls. cop.<br>Poud } 1 57½ gross }    | Rbls. cop.<br>Poud } 1 00 gross } |
| <i>Ex 180</i>          | Silk—<br>(4) Raw silk ... ..  | Poud 10 00*                           | Poud 8 00                         |
| <i>Ex 185</i>          | Silk, twisted and spun—<br>(1) Raw silk twisted (organzine, tram)—<br>(a) Unboiled, unbleached, undyed<br>(b) Boiled, bleached, or dyed ... | „ 67 00*<br>„ 90 00*                  | „ 65 00<br>„ 88 00                |

\* These rates of duty have been suspended at the request of the Italian Government, the rates under the former Russian Tariff being temporarily maintained in force, viz. :—

|  | Roubles.  |
|--|-----------|
| Raw silk ... ..                          | Poud 3 00 |
| Silk twisted or thrown—<br>Undyed ... .. | „ 60 00   |
| Dyed ... ..                              | „ 84 00   |

The Russian import duties on certain articles not covered by the Commercial Treaties which Russia has concluded with other countries are “conventionalised” by the present Treaty, and these duties will, consequently, not be raised so long as it remains in force. The following statement shows the articles in question and the stipulated duties thereon :—

| No. in Russian Tariff. | Articles.  | “General” Rates of Duty conventionalised by the present Treaty. |
|------------------------|--|---|
| <i>Ex 66</i>           | Stone, rough or rough dressed—<br><i>Ex 6.</i> —All kinds of marble building alabaster, serpentine stone, with or without sawn or ground, but not with polished, surfaces—<br>(a) In blocks, lumps or slabs, of a thickness exceeding 3¼ vershoks ... ..<br>(b) In slabs of a thickness of 3¼ vershoks or less... .. | Rbls. cop.<br><br>Poud 0 18<br>„ 0 60                           |

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| No. in Russian Tariff. | Articles.  | "General" Rates of Duty conventionalised by the present Treaty. |              |
|------------------------|--|---|--------------|
|                        |  | Rblr. cop.  |              |
| <i>Ex 70</i>           | Stones of every kind (except semi-precious or precious), also plaster of Paris and alabaster, wrought—<br>1. In articles sculptured, carved or turned, polished or not—<br>(a) Weighing 3 pounds or less each ... ..<br>(b) Weighing more than 3 pounds each ... ..<br>2. Rough stone-mason's work, without chiselled or sculptured embellishments (with or without rounded surfaces), in marble, serpentine, alabaster, and other hard rock susceptible of taking a polish, <i>e.g.</i> , jasper, onyx, Labrador, granite, gneiss, porphyry, and basalt—<br>(a) With all or part of the surfaces polished | Pound   | 5 00<br>3 00 |
| <i>Ex 117</i>          | Vegetable oils and unrefined glycerine—<br>1. Fatty oils (olive, laurel, cottonseed, &c.), except those separately designated; " <i>olive</i> " (boiled oil, siccative oil) ... ..   | "   | 1 50         |
| <i>Ex 124</i>          | Tanning materials—<br><i>Ex 1.</i> —Sumac, even triturated or ground ... ..  | "   | 3 30†        |
|                        |  | { Pound gross }   | 0 07½        |

† In accordance with the Final Protocol to the Treaty, this duty is to be reduced to 3 roubles 10 copecks per pound from the 1st January, 1911.

The Treaty (which will supersede the Treaty between Italy and Russia of the 16th/28th September, 1863) is to come into force one month after the exchange of ratifications, and is to remain in operation until the 18th/31st December, 1917, and, if not denounced one year before that date, until one year after denunciation by either Contracting Party.

### FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a French Presidential Decree, dated 30th November last, reducing the duty on complete machines for the extraction of gold, put together or in pieces (not including the motors) imported, into Indo-China from foreign countries, to 8 francs per 100 kilograms net (3s. 3d. per cwt.)

### PORTUGAL-MOZAMBIQUE.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Colonial Office, of a copy of the regulations in force in Mozambique respecting the importation of second-hand clothing. These regulations are as follows:—

**Disinfection of Imported Second-Hand Clothing.**

1. In conformity with the provisions of

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Articles 67 and 68 of the Maritime Sanitary Regulations, second-hand clothing imported into the Province is regarded as suspected merchandise, and is therefore disinfected in accordance with Article 71 of the same regulations.

2. Disinfection is also carried out in the case of second-hand clothing moved from one place to another in the Province or to a place outside the Province, or consigned to any Portuguese Port or to the British South African Colonies.

3. The disinfection of consignments of second-hand clothing is dispensed with in cases where they have been disinfected at the port of shipment in accordance with Articles 51 and 164 of the Maritime Sanitary Regulations.

4. The sanitary treatment of the soiled clothing of passengers is similarly regulated by the provisions of the Regulations referred to.

### **ROUMANIA.**

The Board of Trade have received copies of recent Circulars issued by the Director-General of the Roumanian Customs, notifying the following decisions affecting the application of the Roumanian

**Customs  
Decisions.**  
Tariff:—

*Metals for re-casting.*—Metals, even if they have been cast, in the form of lumps or blocks intended for re-casting, are dutiable under No. 583 of the Tariff at the rate of 50 bani per 100 kilogrammes (4s. 0½d. per ton).

*Certificates of origin for imported sardines.*—Sardines in hermetically sealed tins must be accompanied by a certificate of origin in order that they may, if the produce of countries having a commercial convention with Roumania, be assessed at the conventional rate of duty. These certificates should be issued by the exporting Customs office in the country of origin, or a magistrate at the place of export, or the Roumanian Consul at that place, and should show the number and kind of packages, their numbers and marks, the nature and weight of the goods, the place of their manufacture and the name of the exporter. Only consignments accompanied by such certificate may benefit by the conventional tariff.

In the case of sardines arriving from a free port or other entrepôt in countries having conventions with Roumania, the conventional tariff may only be applied on presentation of the certificate referred to above, or another certificate from the local Customs or Chamber of Commerce, showing the place of manufacture.

### **TURKEY.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exportation of wheat from Alexandretta and Suideli has been prohibited, fifteen days' grace being allowed in the case of contracts already entered into.

**Prohibition of  
Export of Wheat  
from certain  
Ports.**

*Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.***UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

Questions having arisen as to the applicability of the term "Java Coffee" to coffee produced in the Netherlands Indies, a recent Food Inspection Decision (No. 82) of the United States Department of Agriculture suggests that a proper method of labelling coffee from the Dutch East Indies with a view to compliance with the provisions of the United States Food and Drugs Act would be to call all coffee coming from the island of Java "Java Coffee," that from the Padang districts "Padang Coffee," that from the Celebes "Celebes Coffee," from Sumatra "Sumatra Coffee," and all other sorts from the Netherlands Indies "Dutch East Indies Coffee."

**CHILE.**

With reference to the notice which appeared at p. 560 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 19th September last, on the subject of a Bill then before the Chilian Legislature, proposing to suspend the Customs duties on imported cattle and to authorise the reduction (by not more than 50 per cent.) of the duties on linen and woollen textiles, corrugated galvanised iron, boots and shoes, sugar, and portable houses, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the measure has been enacted by the Congress and promulgated. The reduction of duties referred to above is to be effected within a period of six months.

**BRAZIL.**

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of a copy of a despatch from H.M. Minister at Rio de Janeiro, forwarding the following information respecting food and beverage preservatives, &c., the use of which is condemned by Brazilian Legislation:—

Regulations respecting Imported Food Products and Beverages.

Wines, lard, and all other alimentary products condemned by the National Laboratory will be destroyed, and a fine of 500 milreis (about 31l. 5s.) will be imposed on the importers.

Wines and alimentary products are considered harmful to public health, and condemned, when they contain boric or salicylic acid, inferior alcohol, free mineral acids—sulphuric, sulphurous, nitric or hydrochloric—sulphites, alum, alkaline fluorates and fluorsilicates,

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saccharine, salts of strontium, lead, zinc, tin, arsenic, antimony, sulphate of potash, to the extent of 2 grammes per litre of wine (except in the case of wines of an alcoholic strength exceeding 20 degrees, for which the limit is 4 grammes per litre); in beers: hop substitutes such as absinthe, bitter quassia, colchicum, picrotorina, colocynth, nux-vomica, picric acid, aloes, and essences prepared with fatty ethers, colouring matters derived from coal tar or with basis of lead, mercury, copper, arsenic, antimony, barium or any other substance which is or may in future be recognised as harmful to health.

In any case, the importation of artificial wines is prohibited, even when they do not contain harmful substances, and they will be destroyed if not re-exported within a period to be fixed by the Customs inspector,

Cognacs, whiskies, rums, gins, and other imported alcoholic beverages, natural or imitation, will be condemned as harmful to health when they contain more than three grammes (in round numbers) of poisonous impurities, aldehydes, fatty ethers, *furfurol*, superior alcohol, acetic acid, &c., per 1,000 grammes of alcohol at 100°, or 1.50 grammes of the same per 1,000 grammes of alcohol at 50°.

The importation of alcoholic beverages containing absinthe or any other harmful essences is prohibited by the Budget Law dated 30th December, 1905.

## SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

### NORWAY.

H.M. Consul at Christiania (Mr. F. E. Drummond-Hay) reports that the Gulsvik-Voss section of the Bergen Railway. Railway was to be opened for traffic on the 16th December. The remaining section of the continuous line from Christiania to Bergen, viz., the Gulsvik-Roa line will scarcely be completed before 1910. Until then the traffic will be conducted *via* Drammen, causing a journey in a steamer on the Lake Kroderen in summer and a drive of 43 kilometres on the road east of the lake during the winter months.

### NETHERLANDS.

H.M. Consul at Amsterdam (Mr. W. A. Churchill) reports that the Netherlands Government have agreed to advance  
**New S.s. Line to South America.** 300,000 guilders (about 25,000*l.*) a year for five years, 200,000 guilders (about 16,666*l.*) a year for the following five years, and 100,000 guilders (about 8,333*l.*)

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a year for a third period of five years to the National Stoomboot Maatschappij of Amsterdam, to enable them to establish a steamship line from Amsterdam and Rotterdam to Rio de Janeiro, Santos, and Buenos Ayres and back. The steamers are to be built as far as possible in Holland, are to have accommodation for first-class and steerage passengers, and must meet with the approval of the Minister of Commerce. The service is to consist of 20 complete voyages during the first year.

### SPAIN.

The Acting British Consul at Bilbao (Mr. J. Innes) reports that at a public meeting held there on 30th November, it was unanimously decided to form an association to study the legal, technical and commercial aspects of the project for a direct railway between Bilbao and Madrid. It is understood that the intention is to study from a legal point of view any concessions already granted, their feasibility from a technical standpoint, such alterations or modifications as may be found advisable and the commercial prospects of the line. Should all these points be found satisfactory a Company is to be formed which would either purchase existing concessions and work alone, amalgamate if possible with the said concessionaires, or apply for a new concession.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The British Commercial Agent in the United States (Mr. E. Seymour Bell) reports that the Trunk Line Association of Railroads has issued a winter schedule of freight rates on imported goods sent from New York to Chicago, which became effective on the 2nd December. The few important articles for which the rates remain unchanged include bagging, burlap, gunny and barium chloride.

A list of the new rates, compared with the old, may be seen at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

In this connexion attention is called to pp. 651-2 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 31st December, 1903.

## MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

### BRITISH INDIA—BURMA.

According to the "Indian Trade Journal" the Deputy Commissioner of the Ruby Mines District of Burma (Mr. E. C. **Tourmaline Mines.** S. George) has compiled a memorandum on the tourmaline mines of Maingnin, in which he states that the mines worked at present are situated round the small Palaung hamlet of Sanka, about a mile east of Maingnin.

Tourmaline is found in separate crystals in the interstices of hard granitic-looking rock. The chief methods employed by the native miners are:—(a) The ordinary *Twinklôn* method of sinking a vertical shaft about 4 or 5 feet square; and (b) the *Myaw* system of hydraulic washing away of the hill side till a vein is met with.

The cause of the fluctuations in the industry lies in the fact that the tourmaline crystals are only found intermittently in the vein. Adjoining *Twinklôn*s give absolutely different results, and it is calculated that at least two-thirds of the shafts sunk yield nothing at all, while only an occasional one can be called rich. Of the 62 *Twinklôn*s working at the time of Mr. George's visit, only three were yielding, and of these only one had traces of the best quality stone. The "veins" are fairly deep, none having ever been obtained at a depth of less than nine fathoms, while an ordinary depth is 40 or 50 cubits. It is said that the vein rarely if ever shows an outcrop, and it is a matter of pure speculation where to dig. There have been three finds, each of which caused a rush. The first was about seven years ago at Hpai Baing (Milaunggôn). The next took place a year or two later at Htaukat between Milaunggôn and Sanka, and then in 1905 a vein near Sanka village was struck, which caused the recent increase of population in Maingnin, but though the area within 100 yards of the original shaft is honey-combed with pits only three are yielding.

All tourmaline found is divided into three classes: (1) *Ahtet yay*, the best light pink coloured; (2) *Ahka* (waist or side), which is of a darker colour generally and has the lower portion of the crystal's length discoloured brown to black; and (3) *Sinzi* or *Amyi* (tail), which includes all fragmentary crystals of whatever colour or water which are imperfect or of a small size. The purchaser bids for the two better kinds only, and the *sinzi* is thrown in for nothing. The stones are sold by weight, *ahtet yay* fetching from Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 1,500 per viss, while *ahka* fetches about Rs. 500 for that quantity.

Viss =  $\frac{1}{16}$  lb.

### ROUMANIA.

H.M. Consul at Bucharest (Mr. O. Wardrop) has forwarded an abstract of a Report by the Chief of the General Statistical Department, on the **Agricultural Machinery.** Machinery and Implements used in Roumania, from which the following is taken:—The total capital invested in

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agricultural machinery and implements is about 210,000,000 frs. (8,400,000*l.*), viz., portable engines (34,000,000 frs.), threshers (23,000,000 frs.), ploughs (25,000,000 frs.), and carts and wagons (87,000,000 frs.).

The number of steam ploughs, which are coming into more frequent use, is 55, with a power of 1,172 h.p. There are 4,539 portable engines of 47,861 h.p., driving 4,585 threshers, 1,258 maize-cleaning machines, besides hay cutters, hay presses, &c. There are in addition 357 portable engines used at mills. The number of ploughs of all kinds is 517,463, while there are 448,260 harrows, and 11,924 implements for sowing. Among the 18,451 harvesters in use, only 4,335 have binders attached, a very large number being owned by small cultivators. Of reapers there are 1,169, of potato pickers 39, of beetroot gatherers 62, of hay turners 168, and of mechanical rakes 1,323. Carts and wagons represent over 40 per cent. of the capital invested in machinery and implements.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

According to a report by the United States Geological Survey, the production of platinum in the United States in 1906 exceeded, as regards both quantity and value, that for any previous year, amounting to 1,439 oz. valued at 45,189 dols. This was an increase over 1905 of more than four-fold in quantity and more than eight-fold in value. The high price of platinum has exercised a beneficial effect upon production, in that platiniferous gold dust has been received with more favour in the United States mints, so that the quantity of platinum recovered in gold refining has exceeded all previous records. A greatly increased production may be expected from California and Oregon. Reliable reports have been sent in to the Geological Survey, and even reliable assays made, showing the occurrence of platinum in certain copper-nickel ores in South Western Utah and in Eastern Nevada.

According to the "Engineering and Mining Journal" (New York), the technological branch of the United States Geological Survey recently published the results of preliminary investigations upon the gas-producing powers of peat, and gave definite information as to the performance of this substance in gas producers. The first test described was somewhat inconclusive in that the five tons of material shipped to the testing plant was not sufficient to permit building up a fuel bed, and Illinois coal

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was used for this purpose. Accordingly, it is uncertain just what part was played by the coal in the conversion of the peat into gas.

A more satisfactory test was made on peat from Orlando, Fla. This peat showed a shrinkage of 45 per cent. in bulk and 85 per cent. in weight in drying. The briquettes used were approximately 3 by 6 by 1.5 in. and enough were available to allow a 54-hours test after building up the bed and making the preliminary trial. The total consumption of peat during the run amounted to 29,250 lb. or about 585 lb. per hour. The producer gas obtained had a calorific value of 175 B.t.u. per cubic ft. It contained 18.5 per cent. hydrogen and was comparatively low in nitrogen, having only 45.5 per cent.

In using peat in gas producers more or less inconvenience arises from the fact that peat is very light. Firing must therefore be persistent, and in consequence, the amount of peat required to generate one horse-power is considerably greater than in the case of coal or of lignite.

In testing peat briquettes under boilers it was not possible to prolong the trials as much as was desired, but the results obtained were satisfactory as far as they went. No difficulty was found in keeping the boiler up to its rated capacity. The peat delivered a calorific value of 10,082 B.t.u. per lb. of dry peat as compared with 14,436 B.t.u. for West Virginia coal. The amount of peat burned per hour for each unit of electrical horse-power output was 6.98 lb. against 3.45 lb. for West Virginia coal. The principal difficulty in using peat for steam generation as indicated by these figures arises from its lightness which demands persistent, steady firing.

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-PHILIPPINES.**

According to the "Engineering and Mining Journal" (New York), several small sulphur deposits of the solfataras type in the Philippine islands may possibly become of economic importance. The most important deposits so far reported are those known as San Antonia and Santa Rosalia, situated on the slopes of Mount Guiron on the island of Biliran.

In marketing sulphur from these deposits, says the "Journal," the price of Japanese sulphur at Manila, which is about 50 pesos per ton, would have to be met. With present transportation facilities it is calculated that the cost of delivering refined sulphur to Manila would be about 37 pesos per ton in the case of the San Antonio deposit, while the costs in the cases of the other solfataras is estimated to be above the price of Japanese sulphur.

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#### BRAZIL.

The October Bulletin of the French Chamber of Commerce at Rio de Janeiro reports the discovery, in the neighbourhood of Bello Horizonte, of two lumps of **Discovery of Miobite.** miobite, a valuable and very rare mineral. It is used for incandescent lamps, and in the manufacture of tantalum, a substitute for cutting-diamonds.

The same bulletin states that an American syndicate has signed a contract with M. Malachias de Salles **Petroleum.** Guerra, Paulino Teixeira de Escobar and others for the working of important petroleum mines at Xarqueada, in the district of S. Pedro de Piracicaba.

### YARNS AND TEXTILES.

#### BRITISH INDIA.

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the monthly return issued by the Indian Government, showing the **Cotton Spinning and Weaving Returns.** quantity of cotton yarn spun, and of cotton woven goods produced, in each Province in British India, and in the Native States, during the six months, April to September, of each of the years 1905, 1906, and 1907.

The following is a summarised statement extracted from the above return, giving particulars for the six months, ended September, 1905, 1906, and 1907 :—

|  |       | Six months ended September. |             |             |
|--|-------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  |       | 1905.                       | 1906.       | 1907.       |
| <b>BRITISH INDIA, BEHAR, AND NATIVE STATES.</b>  |       |                             |             |             |
| Cotton yarn spun ...                             | Lbs.  | 350,000,854                 | 337,696,796 | 320,841,920 |
| Grey and bleached piece goods ...                | Yards | 68,619,440                  | 68,520,672  | 76,653,960  |
| Coloured piece goods ...                         | Lbs.  | 289,108,166                 | 306,136,286 | 337,515,045 |
| Grey and coloured goods (other than piece goods) | Lbs.  | 14,604,360                  | 13,376,576* | 15,157,271* |
| Hosiery ...                                      | Yards | 727,564                     | 54,409,368  | 62,399,971  |
| Miscellaneous goods ...                          | Lbs.  | 293,210                     | 727,564     | 970,617     |
|  |       | 809,820                     | 372,907     | 387,848     |
|  |       |                             | 180,272     | 114,393     |

\* The quantities of "coloured piece goods" and of "grey and coloured goods (other than piece goods)" produced in the *Native States*, not being separately stated, the total amounts are included in the figures given for "coloured piece goods."

## AGRICULTURE.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the inspectors and officers of Excise in the week ended the 21st December, 1907, were as follows:—

|        |     |     |     |      |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Wheat  | ... | ... | ... | 34s. | 9d. |
| Barley | ... | ... | ... | 27s. | 1d. |
| Oats   | ... | ... | ... | 18s. | 3d. |

For further particulars see p. 629.

### BRITISH INDIA--BURMA.

The "Pioneer Mail" (Allahabad) states that, according to official reports, recent experiments in tobacco cultivation in 21 districts in Burma and in the Shan States have not been very encouraging. In four districts successful results were obtained, namely, in Myitkyina, Toungoo, Tharrawaddy, and Minbu, but in four others—Hanthawaddy, Bhamo, Henzada, and the Western Sub-Division of the Southern Shan States—only partial successes are recorded, while in the remainder the experiments were a complete failure. The failures were due either to seeds not germinating or to destruction by floods or insects, and in a few cases to carelessness on the part of the cultivator. In the first case it is thought that the seed may have been at fault rather than the soil, and in future all importations of seed will be thoroughly tested before they are issued to the cultivators. The tobacco experimented with was Havana and Virginian, and the remarkable success achieved—especially with Havana seed—in some districts leads to the belief that failures in similar districts must have been due to carelessness or indifference, or, as already mentioned, bad seed. The official verdict is that the experiments were "not at all encouraging."

### TRANSVAAL.

Attention is called to the samples of Transvaal tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff received by the Superintendent of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony Governments Trade Enquiry Office, which are on view at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. These exhibits are specimens of the several descriptions being produced at the Government Tobacco Factory, Zoutpansberg, which are offered for local consumption only. Endeavours are however being made to effect improvements in the leaf, aroma, &c., of the existing qualities, with a view to the preparation of suitable articles for export.

*Agriculture.***NORTHERN NIGERIA.**

The following details relating to certain economic products in Northern Nigeria are extracted from the report on that Colony for 1906-7, recently issued by the Colonial Office :—

There are various varieties of tobacco grown for local consumption only, but there are extensive areas available for its cultivation. In the future a large export of this may be expected, but exhaustive experiments will have to be made of the various kinds grown locally as well as with imported seeds, so that a selection of the kind most suitable to the country may be settled.

**Tobacco.**

Ground-nuts are found throughout the Protectorate and could be grown for export in immense quantities. They grow only in the various belts of forest along the streams, and the quantity produced is not sufficient to meet the requirements for food purposes.

**Ground Nuts.**

Shea butter trees are found in great quantities in many parts of the Protectorate, especially in Nupe, Zaria, and Nassarawa. Most of this product goes to waste for lack of transport or for lack of population to gather it.

**Shea Butter.**

Gum arabic is found in quantity in the Northern Hausa States and in Bornu, where large forests of the trees are found; very little of the gum is collected however. The gum freely exudes from the stem

**Gum Arabic.**

and branches during the dry season and coagulates at once, generally forming pear-shaped globules of a beautiful amber colour.

Thousands of acres, at a nominal rental, could be rented from the Government for the purpose of growing rubber, with ground equal to any in the world, but no one applies or tries to take advantage of this

**Rubber.**

privilege. 25,000 rubber trees (*Funtumia elastica*) were planted last year in the Lokoja Government Plantation; of these 6,000 died during the dry season. After the next rains the remaining 19,000 should be strong enough to resist the rigours of the dry season: all the gaps will be filled up and another 40 acres are to be planted out from the nurseries where the following rubber seedlings are grown and given to residents to experiment with, and also given free to natives who may apply :—*Funtumia elastica*, *Castilloa elastica*, Para rubber and Ceara rubber.

This year (1907) a considerable amount of this fibre was to be planted for export, and as it grows like a weed, and the samples sent to the Niger Company at Ibi are reported upon as excellent, it is probable that the cultivation of this article will prove a source of wealth in the future.

**Farin Rama.**

Beeswax could be got in large quantities, especially from the pagan communities, where bee keeping is known. (*Colonial Reports, Annual, No. 551*).

**Beeswax.**

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### UNITED KINGDOM.

The number of bales of cotton imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended the 19th December, 1907, **Cotton Statistics.** was 154,985 (including 164 bales British West Indian and 73 bales British West African) and the number imported during the fifty-one weeks ended the 19th December was 4,581,316 (including 6,233 bales British West Indian and 10,718 bales British West African). As regards exports, the figures are, for the week ended the 19th December, 13,688 bales, and for the fifty-one weeks, 484,796 bales.

For further details see p. 629.

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### SPAIN.

H.M. Consul at Corunna (Mr. C. M. Trayner) reports the opening of a factory for the manufacture of sardine oil, and the making of chemical manures from fish refuse. The business, which is owned by a company composed of the trawler owners in Corunna, is under the management of a foreman who has had experience in this work at Hull.

Glue is also to be a product of the new factory. The machinery which has been brought from Belgium, consists of a small engine and boilers.

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### SIAM.

H.M. Representative at Bangkok has forwarded a copy of the **Currency and Exchange.** Report on the Budget of Siam for 1907-8, published by the Siamese Ministry of Finance, in which it is stated that during the year ended 31st March, 1907, the course of exchange varied considerably, ranging between 1s. 2·9d. on the 3rd April, 1906, for Bank demand drafts to 1s. 5·7d. on the 1st March, 1907, with an average for the year of about 1s. 3·9d., or just over 15 ticals to the pound. The reason for this wide variation is to be sought in the fact that, owing to the unexpected rise in the price of bar silver, the Government was compelled to reconsider its policy as to the ultimate value at which the tical was to be fixed, under the scheme initiated in November, 1902, for placing the currency on a gold basis (see pp. 320-21 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of the 12th February, 1903, and p. 38 of the 1st January, 1903). The official value of the tical was raised by successive stages from something under 1s., when the mint was closed to free coinage, to 1s. 3d., or 16 ticals to the pound, in November, 1905, the latter rate becoming actually effective in the following January. At that time there was no intention of raising

*Miscellaneous.*

the rate further, but owing to the upward movement of silver the Government were compelled, in order to protect the tical, to advance their selling price, first to 1s. 4d. in August, 1906, and again to 1s. 6d. (or 13½ ticals to the pound) in November of the same year. With a tical at 1s. 3d. all profit on mintage ceases if bar silver is at a price of 30·83d. per ounce, while with a 1s. 4d. tical the no-profit price is about 32·89d. per ounce. Both these limits were exceeded by the actual silver quotations during the months May to November of last year, while even after the rate had been raised to 1s. 4d. the intrinsic value of the tical was at one time within 5 per cent. of its export price—allowance being duly made for freight and insurance charges. In these circumstances it was considered advisable to advance the rate at once to 1s. 6d., which makes the tical safe until silver is quoted at about 38¾d. per ounce, rather than disturb the market by frequent small changes.

**PARAGUAY.**

The Board of Trade have received from a reliable source information to the effect that negotiations have been proceeding for some time past between the **Proposed Mixed Bank at Asuncion.** Paraguayan Government and a group of Franco-Swiss financiers for the purpose of reaching an arrangement by which, with the help of foreign capital, the Paraguayan monetary system may be put upon a more stable basis than is at present the case. It is said that an understanding was arrived at during a recent visit which Señor Soler, the Paraguayan Minister of Finance, paid to Buenos Ayres. Full details of the scheme are not yet available, but it is understood that an arrangement has been made for the establishment of a mixed Bank at Asuncion, with a capital of 20,000,000 gold dollars (about 4,000,000*l.*), of which the Paraguayan Government is to subscribe one-third, with the power of issuing notes against a gold fund and the obligation of converting the circulating paper currency at a rate to be fixed later.

The arrangement requires the sanction of the Paraguayan Government.

**STATISTICAL TABLES.****Cotton Returns.**

**Return of the Number of Bales of Cotton Imported and Exported at the Various Ports of the United Kingdom during the Week and 51 Weeks ended 19th December, 1907 :—**

|                      | Week ended<br>19th Dec.,<br>1907. | 51 Weeks<br>ended<br>19th Dec.,<br>1907. | Week ended<br>19th Dec.,<br>1907. | 51 Weeks<br>ended<br>19th Dec.,<br>1907. |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | IMPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  | EXPORTS.<br>(Bales.)              |  |
|                      | No.                               | No.                                      | No.                               | No.                                      |
| American ... ..      | 117,768                           | 3,475,025                                | 9,875                             | 253,370                                  |
| Brasilian ... ..     | —                                 | 193,384                                  | —                                 | 18,961                                   |
| East Indian ... ..   | 771                               | 202,894                                  | 167                               | 79,444                                   |
| Egyptian ... ..      | 28,360                            | 549,820                                  | 3,610                             | 120,608                                  |
| Miscellaneous ... .. | 8,086*                            | 160,193†                                 | 36                                | 12,413                                   |
| <b>Total ... ..</b>  | <b>154,985</b>                    | <b>4,581,316</b>                         | <b>13,688</b>                     | <b>484,796</b>                           |

\*Including 164 bales British West Indian and 73 bales British West African.

† " 6,233 " " " 10,718 " "

**Corn Prices.**

**Statement showing the Average Price of British Corn, per quarter of 8 bushels, Imperial Measure,\* as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the week ended 21st December, 1907, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.**

|  | Average Price. |          |           |          |           |          |
|--|----------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
|  | Wheat.         |          | Barley.   |          | Oats.     |          |
|  | s.             | d.       | s.        | d.       | s.        | d.       |
| <b>Week ended 21st December, 1907 ... ..</b> | <b>34</b>      | <b>9</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>3</b> |
| <b>Corresponding week in—</b>                |                |          |           |          |           |          |
| 1900 ... ..                                  | 26             | 4        | 25        | 10       | 17        | 2        |
| 1901 ... ..                                  | 27             | 7        | 26        | 8        | 19        | 10       |
| 1902 ... ..                                  | 24             | 10       | 24        | 1        | 16        | 8        |
| 1903 ... ..                                  | 26             | 5        | 22        | 5        | 15        | 6        |
| 1904 ... ..                                  | 30             | 3        | 24        | 7        | 16        | 1        |
| 1905 ... ..                                  | 28             | 4        | 24        | 6        | 17        | 11       |
| 1906 ... ..                                  | 26             | 3        | 24        | 3        | 17        | 3        |

\* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

### TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of November, 1907, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 2d. per copy, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., and 32, Abingdon Street, S.W.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

Attention is further called to the fact that the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1906, in two volumes and a Supplement, may be purchased at a cost of 6s. 8d. for the first volume, 3s. 4d. for the second volume, and 3s. 9d. for the Supplement, at any of the addresses enumerated above. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives Abstract Tables for the years 1902-1906, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article (from and to each country) in the first volume, in the second volume details as to customs revenue, transshipments, and articles in bond, and particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country, and in the Supplement, Abstract and detailed tables showing countries of consignment of imports, and countries of ultimate destination of exports.

### BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"\* is published by the Board of Trade on the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important articles which appear in the December issue:—State of the Labour Market in November; Trade Unions in 1906; Lancashire Cotton Spinners' Dispute; Changes in Wages and Hours, 1906; Co-operation in Great Britain, 1906; and Conciliation Cases.

### FOREIGN OFFICE REPORT.

The following is a *résumé* of some of the more interesting subjects dealt with in a Consular Report of the Annual Series issued since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

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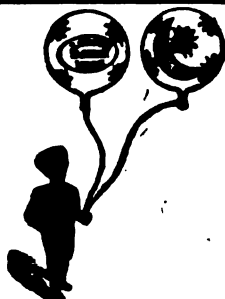
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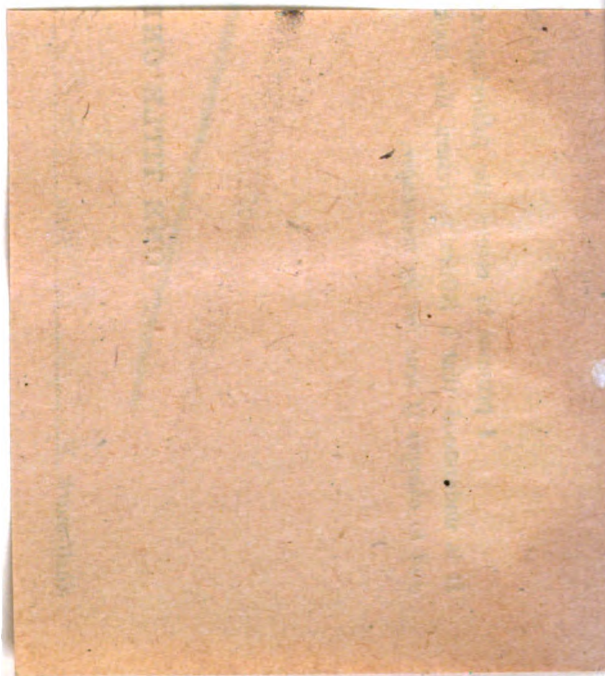
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